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Star Of Queens

Corey Bearak
President of the Queens Civic Congress
Bellerose

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Corey Bearak recently became the President of the Queens Civic Congress, an organization devoted to the betterment of Queens by listening to the people of Queens and taking action. Bearak was one of the original founders and Vice Presidents of the organization, which got its start in 1997 when the United Civic Council of Queens and the Eastern Queens Civic Council merged. Today, the Queens Civic Congress represents more than 100 civic and other community organizations throughout the entire borough.



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Bearak has been involved in Queens' civic life for many years working with a number of different organizations. He is currently the Chair of the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council after serving as its President for seven years, current member of Community Board 13, Founder and Director of the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Conservancy and Past President of the Bellerose Civic Association.

PERSONAL: Bearak and his wife, Rachelle, have lived in their Bellerose home since 1986. They have two children, Jonathan and Marisa.

JOB: Bearak, an attorney, currently serves as a consultant to public officials, government and community agencies, unions, institutions, private firms and individuals. He previously served as legislative counsel to former Bronx Borough President Ferrer and until April of 2003, he served Ferrer's successor, Adolfo Carrion Jr. as Director of Planning, Policy and Budget.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE: When Bearak was officially sworn in as President of the Queens Civic Congress on October 15, he replaced Sean Walsh, who served as the organization's presence for its first 10 years. He said that replacing someone who has been in the position for such a long time would be challenging, but he was also confident in his own style of leadership. He believes the staff and officers of the organization will do an excellent job, and he looks forward to continuing to bring different civic groups and leaders together for the betterment of Queens.

PROUDEST MOMENT: Bearak said that his entire civic career is filled with proud moments so it is difficult to pick just one. "It shouldn't be about pride or ego; just that they [the civic groups] continue to function and make a difference makes me happy everyday," he said.

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