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## Council Land Use Chair visits Queen Chamber

City Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, chair of City Council Committee on Land Use met with leaders of Queens Chamber of Commerce and members of the Chamber's Committees on Legislative Advocacy and Communications and Public Affairs earlier this month (Friday, March 18, 2011). Comrie, who also serves as chair of the Queens Council Delegation, discussed matters before the Land Use Committee and the Council in general including such matters of importance to the Chamber as the development of Willets Point and making sure it continues to include a much-needed convention center, opposition to congestion pricing and tolls and the Department of Transportation emphasis on plazas and bicycle lanes ahead of a focus on improving inter-borough and intra-borough bus service.

The Queens Chamber of Commerce represents thousands of businesses and firms of all sizes that do business from and/ or in our vibrant borough. On behalf of its 1,200 members, collectively employing 500,000 residents of Queens County, the Chamber through its programs and advocacy, works to promote the general welfare of the Borough of Queens and to foster its commerce. The meeting with Council Member Comrie continues a series a meetings with Queens elected officials organized by the Chamber's Committees on Legislative Advocacy and Communications and Public Affairs.

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Left to right: Queens Chamber of Commerce President Carol Conslato, Richard Hellenbrecht representing Delta Airlines, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Committee on Legislative Advocacy co-chairs Vincent Petraro and Joshua Bienstock, Chamber Associate Treasurer Mary A. Vavruska, and chamber member Jon Postyn. [Photo by Jacqueline Donadio, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Left to Right: Richard Hellenbrecht, Chamber Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Joshua Bienstock, Chamber Policy Advisor Corey Bearak, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Chamber President Carol Conslato, Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Vincent Petraro and Past-President Ray Irrera, Jon Postyn, Arthur Miller and sitting Vincent Derogatis and Chamber Associate Treasurer Mary A. Vavruska and Treasurer Gerard Thornton. [Photo by Jacqueline Donado, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Left to Right: Chamber Policy Advisor Corey Bearak, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Vincent Petraro and Chamber President Carol Conslato. [Photo by Jacqueline Donado, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]