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US Treasurer visits Queen Chamber

The Queens Chamber of Commerce and Congressman Joseph Crowley hosted a session of the White House Business Council with United States Treasurer Rosie Rios, to discuss the American Jobs Act, today (Monday, October 24, 2011). Treasurer Rios discussed White House and Treasury Department programs to spur economic growth and new jobs. Treasurer Rios, who has a background in investment banking and community and economic development, joined Congressman Crowley, the highest ranking New York Democrat in the House and chair of the Queens County Democratic Organization, heard a wide variety of concerns from small business owners about what policies have and have not worked over the past several years to spark economic growth; many present also offered their own suggestions. The program took place at the Bulova Corporate Center, where the Chamber also maintains its offices, located at 75-20 Astoria Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11370

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 Treasurer Rios continues of series of small meetings organized by the Chamber including sessions held by the Chamber's Committees on Legislative Advocacy and Communications and Public Affairs. Previous meetings this year included Congressman Crowley, Council Land Use Chair Leroy Comrie, Zoning Chair Mark Weprin, Small Business Chair Diana Reyna and Council Member Dan Halloran.

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Congressman Joseph Crowley speaking as US Treasurer Rosie Rios (center) and Queens Chamber of Commerce President Carol Conslato listen [Photo by Ilan Stern, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Congressman Joseph Crowley, US Treasurer Rosie Rios (center) and Queens Chamber of Commerce Executive Director [Photo by Ilan Stern, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Left to Right: Gil Cygler (AllCar rent-a-car), John Garuti III and Harry Paulison (Super-Tek Products), Chamber Policy Advisor Corey Bearak, Chamber Directors Mary Vavruska (TCE Systems), Joshua Bienstock (Resolve It, Inc.), Henry Wan (Wan Group), Albert Pennisi (Pennisi, Daniels & Norelli LLP), Chamber Executive Director Jack Friedman and President Carol Conslato (Con Ed) , Congressman Joseph Crowley, Chamber Director Bruce Bendell (Major Automotive), Ashok Nigalaye (Epic Pharma), Eugene Petracca (Petracca & Sons, Inc.) , Nancy Carin (Business Outreach Center Network, Inc.), Gloria Kemper (Recon Construction Corporation) Lester Shafran (SABD, Ltd.) and Robert Nemeroff (Melrose Credit Union) [Photo by Ilan Stern, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]