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Council Member Halloran visits Queen Chamber

City Council Member Dan Halloran, a member of the City Council Committee on Land Use and its subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses, met with leaders of the Queens Chamber of Commerce earlier this month (Friday, May 20, 2011). Council Member Halloran discussed the Mayor's proposed budget including proposals to close firehouses and matters before the Land Use Committee and the Council in general. The Council Member also covered such matters of importance to the Chamber as the development of Willets Point and a much-needed convention/exhibition Center for Queens, his opposition to living wage legislation, and opposition to congestion pricing and tolls. Halloran also suggested a need for the Council to step up its oversight role in response to the Department of Transportation's predilection to impose plazas and bicycle lanes without prior community engagement. Halloran committed to proposing that City Hall issue a "Request For Expression of Interest" (RFEI) to site a convention center in Queens. Councilman Halloran represents Northeast Queens neighborhoods including all or parts of Little Neck, Douglaston, Bayside, Bay Terrace, Whitestone, College Point and Flushing.

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 Halloran continues a series a meetings with Queens elected officials organized by the Chamber's Committees on Legislative Advocacy and Communications and Public Affairs. Previous meetings this year included Council Land Use Chair Leroy Comrie, Zoning Chair Mark Weprin and Small Business Chair Diana Reyna.

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Councilman Dan Halloran addresses Queens Chamber. Left to right: Council Member Dan Halloran, Committee on Legislative Advocacy co-chairs Vincent Petraro and Joshua Bienstock, and Queens Chamber of Commerce President Carol Conslato. [Photo by Corey Bearak, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Left to Right: Chamber Executive Director Jack Friedman, Laura Imperiale, Council Member Dan Halloran, Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Vincent Petraro and Chamber President Carol Conslato. [Photo by Corey Bearak, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]



Left to Right: Vincent Derogatis, Jon Postyn, Chamber Executive Director Jack Friedman, Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Vincent Petraro, Council Member Dan Halloran, Chamber Policy Advisor Corey Bearak, and Laura Imperiale, and sitting Chamber Legislative Advocacy Committee co-chair Joshua Bienstock Chamber, June Jee President Carol Conslato, and Arthur Miller. [Photo by Jacqueline Donado, Queens Chamber of Commerce.]