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Assembly Eco-Dev Chair Robin Schimminger visits Chamber

NYS Assembly Member Robin Schimminger, chair of the Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation, Commerce and Industry, met with leaders of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Friday, May 4, 2012. Committee member, Queens Assembly Member Francisco Moya arranged the meeting. Following the Assemblyman's initial remarks, the members of the chamber engaged Mr. Schimminger in a lively discussion on NYS economic policies including the regional economic development councils, the greater availability of tax increment financing (TIFs), starter loan programs to assist hi-tech startups to qualify for loans, locating a convention center in Queens (as recommended by the NYC Regional Economic Council), outreach to small businesses on state business assistance programs and other small business concerns.

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.

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Assemblyman Schimminger addresses the Queens Chamber: (l to r) Chamber Associate Secretary Charles Callahan (Plaza College), Chamber Treasurer Gerard Thornton (Runway Tire Service, Inc), Chamber Associate Treasurer and Technology Chair Mary Vavruska (TCE Systems, Inc.), Chamber Director of Operations Sophia Ganosis, Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, Chamber Executive Director Jack Friedman, Chamber policy and communications advisor Corey Bearak, Chamber government affairs advisor Bill Driscoll, Barry Gogel, Esq., Francisco Moya's Chief of Staff, Meghan Tadio, and Chamber Communications and Public Affairs chair Joshua Bienstock (Resolve It, Inc.) [Photo by Jaqueline Donadio, Queens Chamber of Commerce.] (additional pictures on next page)

