

Committee to Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free

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QUEENS CIVICS: KEEP NYC CONGESTION TAX FREE

Coalition of 100 civics says Dial 3-1-1 – tell Mayor “Ax the tax”

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free announces a civic coalition of some 100 civic, community, condo, co-op, homeowner and tenants groups wants to keep New York City Congestion Tax Free. The borough-wide Queens Civic Congress (QCC) opposes the \$8 fee the Mayor proposes to impose on drivers entering Manhattan below 86th Street. QCC President Sean Walsh advised the existing platform of Queens Civic Congress opposes this "tax" when he was contacted by a transportation advocacy group looking to lobby QCC to support the city hall's scheme to impose a fee. The QCC recommended that each member civic contact their state and city legislators to send a clear message: "Say no to the fee the Mayor wants to charge us to enter Manhattan."

Already 15 civics from 9 of the borough 14 community board also want to Keep New York City Congestion Tax Free. The civics include: Bayside Civic Database (CB11Q), Bay Terrace Community Alliance (CB7Q), Belle Harbor Property Owners Association (CB14Q), Bellerose Hillside Civic Association (CB13Q), Briarwood Community Association (CB8Q), Cambria Heights Civic Association (CB13Q), Creedmoor Civic Association (CB13Q), Floral Park Community Council (CB13Q), Hollis Park Gardens Association (CB12Q), Juniper Park Civic Association (CB5Q), Mitchell Linden Civic Association (CB7Q), Richmond Hill Historical Association (CB9&10Q), Rocky Hill Civic Association (CB13Q), Utopia Estates Civic Association (CB8Q), Waldheim Neighborhood Association (CB7Q)

The Queens Civic Congress using its multi-media outreach to its members emailed and mailed a recommendation that each civic contact their state and city legislators to send a clear message: "Say no to the fee the Mayor wants to charge us to enter Manhattan – Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free. Urge your civic's members to also call or write their electeds. Also, dial 3-1-1 and tell the Mayor to ax the congestion tax."

Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free will explore the issues and share further commentaries through its "Truth About..." series over the next several weeks.

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