



Queens Civic Congress
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To: Mayor Eric Adams & Governor Kathleen Hochul (via email)

Re: **ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN QUEENS**

Dear (Mayor Adams / Governor Hochul):

Queens Civic Congress and its member organizations need your help to resolve a serious issue we are having with commercial vehicles and trucks parking illegally in Queens. This issue has plagued our communities for quite some time and has been a constant quality of life concern for our residents. Despite frequent complaints and escalations to the NYPD, DOT and our local elected officials, little has been accomplished, and the problem is getting exponentially worse.

Commercial vehicles, tractor-trailers, trucks (and even unhitched trailers) are parked overnight, during the daytime, and on the weekends on our residential streets and in our parks. Drivers park with impunity with utter disregard to our residents and to the city ordinances which strictly prohibit them from doing so. Now, because of years of a lack of enforcement, the damage has taken its toll on our quality of life with no end in sight. In addition to basic health concerns, the aesthetic allure of our neighborhoods is being tainted because our streets are sprawling with commercial trucks. Who would have thought that hard working, tax paying, and voting residents would have to put up with trucks parking outside of their homes and in the neighborhood parks where their kids go to play?

We are aware of the legislation that will soon be enacted to increase parking fines. However, this deterrent only scratches the surface of a more deep-rooted problem because drivers will simply migrate to another area. We look forward to an NYS/NYC long-term strategy to address the issues the truckers are having while ensuring our neighborhoods are "truck free".

Furthermore, because this issue has been allowed to fester for years, the resolution will take time to implement, and you will need our input and participation to see this through. Working together we can implement changes that will have an immediate effect and sustainable impact. We look forward to changes that will restore the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and changes that will help restore the confidence of residents to truck parking enforcement which is currently lacking. We are already doing our part. Can we count on your support to marshal the resources to drive this change?

We are requesting a meeting with you to understand what actions you are taking so we can work together on the go forward strategy.

Sincerely,
Kevin Forrestal
President
Queens Civic Congress

Queens Civic Congress (QCC), formed in 1997, is a registered New York State non-profit organization representing many civic and other community organizations throughout the Borough of Queens in New York City. QCC is committed to the protection and advancement of the "Quality of Life" of Queens and provides a forum for the civic associations and neighborhood organizations to develop and present common policies and positions; it provides effective leadership and advocacy for the advancement of the welfare and interests of Queens' neighborhoods.