

Queens Community Board 2 raised many concerns when City officials charged (no pun intended) with promoting its congestion tax scheme under the guise of PlaNYC 2030 (think the deceptively overly large pit inside the sweet mango fruit) spoke at the Board earlier this month. Keep NYC presented our Alternatives Plan there November 1, 2007. Five Queens community boards already opposed the tax scheme with Community Board 4Q's vote this month. It joins Community Boards 6, 7, 8, 11 and 13. No Queens board expressed support for the tax scheme thus far.

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CB 2 questions mayor's vision of city

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Western Queens residents again expressed their suspicions of Mayor Bloomberg's sweeping PlaNYC 2030 after city officials presented an update to Community Board 2, which covers Woodside and Sunnyside.

With a decision on the specifics of congestion pricing soon to arrive, many residents worried that the borough's mass transit system would not be able to handle the increase in riders.

He warned people that permit parking would not be a catch-all cure for the district's parking woes. "It won't let you park in front of your door every night," he said.

Board members were also fed up with city workers abusing their municipal parking permits.

Conley said another planning concern for western Queens is hospital space. Between the additional 1 million residents expected in the city by 2030 and the increasing elderly population, another hospital will probably be needed to accommodate residents' health needs.

Board members also criticized the city for allowing development to outpace the infrastructure in Queens.

Read the entire article at:

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