

While we would like an official vote, note the opposition to the Congestion Tax at western Queens Community Board 1 (Previously Queens CBs 4, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 13 voted no to a Congestion Tax):

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Vallone Vows Vote Against Congestion Pricing

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"I represent you, you have spoken here tonight, and I am going to oppose congestion pricing," Councilmember Peter Vallone Jr. told **Community Board 1**.

With those words, Vallone confirmed his vote against the plan to charge drivers of cars \$8 (\$21 for trucks) daily to enter Manhattan below 60th Street between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Speaking at the Board 1 March meeting, Vallone said Mayor Michael Bloomberg had invited him to dinner the previous night to "try to convince me to come on board with congestion pricing".

The mayor, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and other city officials who support congestion pricing all lobbied him. But Vallone said he told the mayor that while respecting his position on congestion pricing, he also respected those who have a different opinion.

Vallone described the evening as a "full-court press to convince me to come over to [Bloomberg's] side".

Informally polling the filled room of board members and observers at the Astoria Manor, Vallone asked, by a show of hands, for those in favor of congestion pricing, and then, for those opposed. **The overwhelming majority raised their hands in opposition.**

Saying he was not against the idea of limiting congestion in Manhattan, Vallone called the plan a tax. "I don't think New York City residents should be taxed," he said.

A recent survey in the New York Times showed opposition to congestion pricing among the 51 members of the City Council to be almost two to 1.

[emphases added]