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RIP – Edward I. Koch, Mayor

Rest In Peace Edward I. Koch.

Mayor Koch stood his ground. Spoke his piece.
Always with a smile. The Mayor cared. An icon.

A free bridge connecting Manhattan to the Queens named for the Mayor provides an apt legacy for this quintessential New Yorker: The Mayor who started as an elected from Manhattan yet connected so well with New Yorkers from Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and The Bronx.

After the Ed Koch Queensboro bridge received its name, Koch [shared](#) how he took his tribute seriously and would stand “like Horatio and stop” the imposition of tolls on the bridge.

That account appeared in various news outlets including the [Daily News](#), [The Gothamist](#), [The New York Times](#) and [Wall Street Journal](#).

Just Between Friends: On the day of the bill-signing for the bridge re-naming, former Council Member Walter McCaffrey (and Keep NYC Free's chief spokesperson) enjoyed a light conversation with the Mayor. The mayor told Walter, “Perhaps on the back of my tombstone it should read: Don't even think of tolling *MY* (emphasis the Mayor's) bridge!”

