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# Press Release

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**BOB FRIEDRICH, PRESIDENT OF GLEN OAKS VILLAGE A CO-OP OF 10,000  
 RESIDENTS IN EASTERN QUEENS**

**FILES LAWSUIT TO STOP THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION MITIGATION  
 COMMISSION FROM ISSUING ITS REPORT.**

Bob Friedrich, President of Glen Oaks Village, a co-op community in eastern Queens with 10,000 residents and a candidate for the NYC Council in the 2009 Democratic Primary for the seat being vacated by David Weprin filed suit today in Supreme Court to stop the Traffic Congestion Mitigation Commission (TCMC) from issuing its report which is due January 31, 2008 and to find that the Commission is not in compliance with the act that created it and lacks authority to function and make recommendations relative to the Mayors Plan.

Mr. Friedrich has asked the courts to issue a preliminary injunction preventing the TCMC from issuing its report. The lawsuit was filed in Supreme Court at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY and is answerable at the same location on January 31st at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Friedrich has stated that, "The Congestion Tax Proposals as outlined in the Mayors Plan are all about Revenue and NOT about Traffic Reduction. The plan is a transparent attempt to impose tolls on the free East River crossings and to seal off Manhattan from the outer-borough residents by creating a High-Priced Tolloed Moat around it. This is a raid on the

pocketbook of working class families and a slap in the face to every taxpaying New Yorker living in the outer-boroughs. The legislation that created the Traffic Congestion Mitigation Commission by its very own words is **DEEMED REPEALED AND EXPIRED** IF THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DOES NOT COMMIT \$250M BY OCTOBER 1, 2007 OR IF THE CITY DOES NOT MAKE UP ANY SHORTFALL OF THOSE FUNDS BY DECEMBER 31, 2007.

I stand here today to tell you **CATEGORICALLY - NO MONEY HAS BEEN COMMITTED** by either the Federal or City government. Other than vague promises of future funding - **NOTHING HAS BEEN COMMITTED**. All we ask is **SHOW US THE MONEY!** Absent that, we are asking the courts to enforce the law and **DECLARE** that the TCMC is not in compliance with the act that created it and lacks authority to function and make recommendations relative to the Mayors Plan. For this commission to be acting legally, you need to show us the money. And since there isn't any, the law by which it has been created has been effectively repealed."

**Bob Friedrich and his attorney Geoffrey Mazel of Hankin, Handwerker and Mazel, PLLC (212-349-1668) will be at the court steps a half hour before the hearing to answer questions and make a statement.**