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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL SPEAKER TO KICK OFF STATEN ISLAND BRANCH'S 2007-2008 PROGRAMMING YEAR

WHO: Hon. Christine Quinn, Speaker of the City Council

WHAT: Discussing her career and current women's issues

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 at 8 p.m.

WHERE: Presidential Room, Kelleher Center of St. John's University, Staten Island campus

HOW MUCH: Admission is free and the public is welcome

ABOUT SPEAKER QUINN: In January 2006, the Members of the City Council overwhelmingly chose Christine C. Quinn to be Speaker. As the first woman, openly gay, and Irish Speaker, she brings a new perspective to the diverse challenges facing each of New York City's distinct communities. Speaker Quinn has set a proactive agenda for the Council as an initiator of legislative and policy initiatives that improve people's lives. In short, she is working to make government more accessible to New Yorkers in all five boroughs. Prior to becoming Speaker, she was Chair of the Council's Health Committee and worked vigilantly to pass the ban on smoking in all workplaces, expand access to emergency contraception for rape survivors and other women in need, increase the availability of mammograms, preserve school nurses, and secure millions for HIV prevention services.

Before being elected to the City Council, Speaker Quinn served for five years as Chief of Staff to Council Member Thomas K. Duane. She then worked as Executive Director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. During her time with the Anti-Violence Project, Mayor Giuliani appointed her to be a member of the New York City Police/Community Relations Task Force. Speaker Quinn has been rated one of the fifty most powerful women in New York City by the New York Post, and one of the most influential New Yorkers by New York Magazine.

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