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**Taxes and  
Assessments-East River  
Park Acquisition**

**1912**

College Point N.Y.  
Nov. 12, /12.

Mayor Gaynor: —  
City Hall. N.Y.

Your Honor: —

In reference to the proposition of assessing half the cost on the tax-payers of the Borough of Queens for East River Park in Astoria I hereby make an earnest protest against this proposition I think the entire City should pay for this Park as it has for other parks in other sections of the city.

Respectfully;

Charles Molitor Jr.  
625-8<sup>th</sup> Street  
College Point L.I.

229 Jamaica Ave.  
Long Island City, N.Y.,  
Nov. 12, 1912.

Mayor Baynor,

Dear Sir:

Having read article  
in Daily Star this even-  
ing informing the Tax  
Payers of Queens of the  
proposition now before the  
Board of Estimate provid-  
ing for the acquisition  
of East River Park in  
Astoria, on the basis of  
assessing half the cost

on the Borough of Queens,-  
I beg to express my  
utmost protest against  
such a proposition, as  
it would be very un-  
fair, in view of the  
fact that the City has  
in the past paid the  
full amount for parcels  
in other sections of the  
City. Tax Payers should  
not stand any of the  
expense whatever.

Trusting this pro-  
position will not be  
favored, I am

Yours truly  
Joseph Blante.

Long Island City

Borough of Queens Nov 12 1912

To the Honorable Mayor  
Dear Sir

As an old time resident  
and Tax payer of Astoria B of Co  
I wish to add my protest against  
The City acquiring the East River Park  
as I consider it a waste of money  
especially since said park will  
be of no benefit to the small property  
owners who live in its vicinity as  
it has already become the dumping  
ground for the people on the east  
side of Manhattan who come over  
here every Sunday and holiday  
in the summer time and monopolize it  
and furthermore I think it  
very unjust to us small home

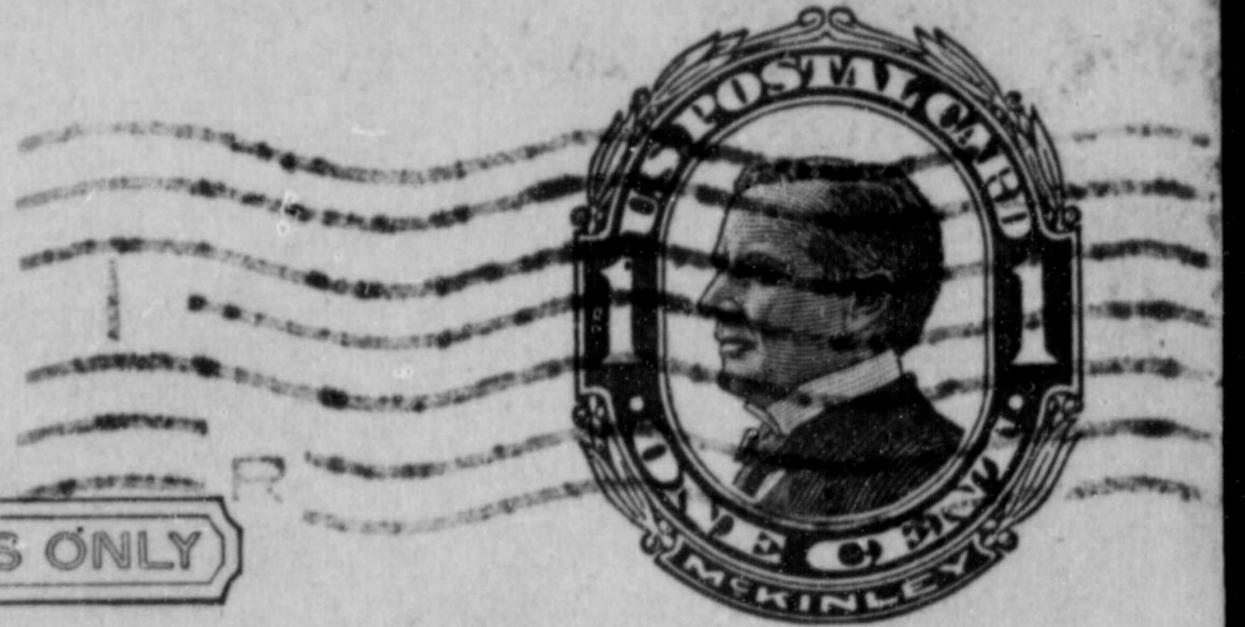
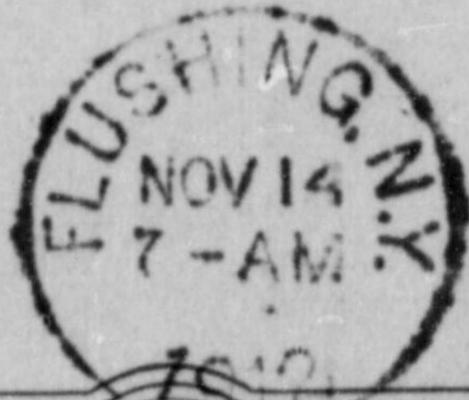
owners over here who are  
overtaxed already to have to  
shoulder fifty percent of its  
purchase.

Trusting your honor as chairman  
will do all you can to prevent  
us from being saddled with  
this unnecessary expense.

I remain yours

Respt.

Mrs Mary. Reidy  
26 North Washington Place  
Astoria Borough of Queens



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Hon. Mayor Gaynor  
City Hall  
Borough of Manhattan

Nov 12 1912

Regarding proposed  
East River Park - as  
a tax payer I  
strongly oppose to  
any increase - taxes  
at present are  
enormous.

Respy  
A. M. Lott  
Lawrence Blvd cor 105th  
Bayside L.I.

Corona Nov 12, 1912

Your Honor

I Protest against the  
acquisition of East River Park project.  
to assess Queens Borough for  
half the cost.

Yours Truly

V. Pizzo.

43 Crontes Ave Corona N.Y.

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Nov. 12 1912

Gentlemen:-

Regarding the proposed  
East River Park. I, as  
a tax payer strongly oppose  
any increase. taxes at  
present are high enough

Respectfully  
Mary S. Regan  
481 Amity St  
Flushing L.I.

20 Linden Ave  
Flushing L.I.  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1912

Mayor Gaynor;

Dear Sir, I write  
to protest against the add  
itional taxes which are to be  
put on our property in  
Queens. My property is taxed  
so high at the present time  
that we cannot make sale  
of it, on account of the heavy  
taxes  
Yours Respectfully  
Mrs Plattfoot

Nov. 13, 1912.

Mayor Gayner.

Dear Sir,

I hereby  
enter my protest against  
increase of taxes for East  
River Park.

Respectfully yours  
Mrs C. J. Moadinger

9. S. 14<sup>th</sup> St

Flushing

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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*November 13* 1912

To *Honorable Mayor Gaynor*

*I am not in favor of assessing the taxpayers of Queens Borough half the cost of the East River Park at Astoria L.D.*

*Geo. Sutherland  
Luz Plaine & West L.  
Jamaica L.D.*

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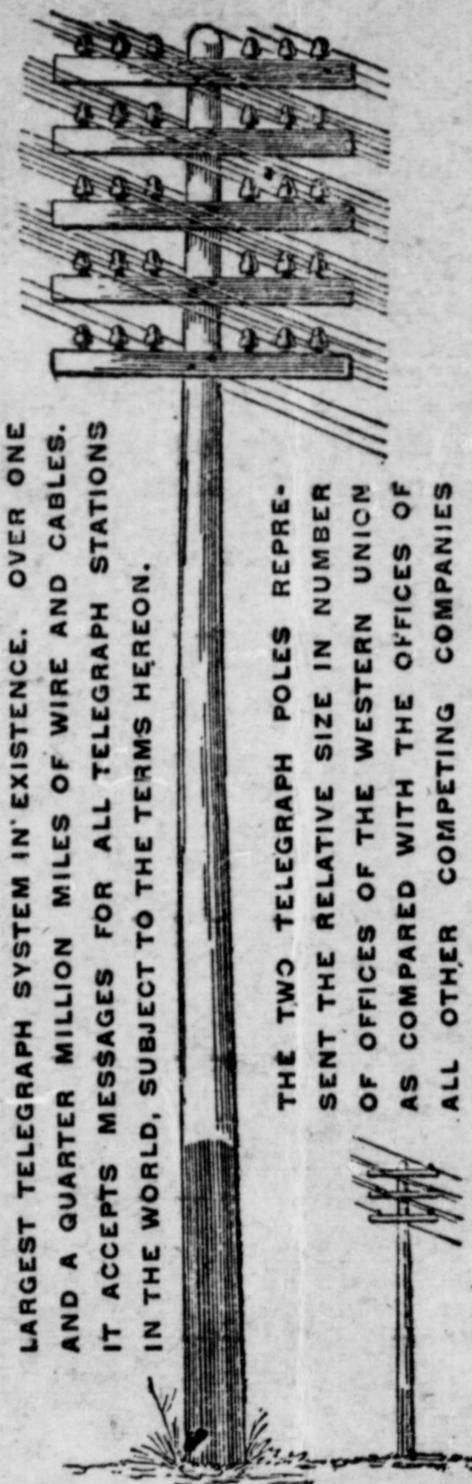
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*Nov 13 1912*

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*Mayor Gaynor  
City Hall N.Y.*

*We protest against the proposed  
assessing half the cost of East River Park  
Astoria L D to the Boro of Queens  
Mr. Mrs Benj C Weeks  
68 Whitney Ave Elmhurst L D*

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*[Signature]*

*Nov 13/1912*

*Mayor Gaynor  
City Hall N.Y.*

*Do not favor the proposed assessing  
half the cost of East River Park Astoria  
L.I. to Boro of Queens. of no benefit  
whatever to Elmhurst L.I.  
7 At M. Mammion  
Whitney Ave Elmhurst  
L.I.*

THE LABORATORIES OF  
THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH,  
66TH STREET AND AVENUE A, NEW YORK.

Nov. 13, 1912.

Dear Sir ;

As a land owner and tax payer I desire to enter my protest against the levying of a tax solely in the Borough of Queens for the proposed East River ~~BRIDGE~~ Park. It is self evident that a park is not a local institution, it is a benefit to the entire city. It is for the enjoyment and benefit of all. and not destined solely for the residents of Queens. The chances are that the residents of Manhattan will visit and enjoy the priviledges of the park to a greater extent than the residents of Flushing, Far Rockaway etc. all in Queens.

The imposition of such a tax on a fraction of the city and not on the whole city would be an injustice to many.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Dr. Gustave M Meyer!

*Gustave M. Meyer*  
*100 Wilson Ave*  
*Flushing L. I.*

His Honor Mayor Gaynor

City of New York.

# Property Owners and Business Men's Association

## OF METROPOLITAN

Second Ward - Borough of Queens

Phone 2581 J Wmsburg.

P. O. Address, Maspeth, L. I.

November 13th, 1912.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
New York City.

My dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of this Association particular attention was paid to the proposition before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment providing for the acquisition of East River Park in Astoria; and more particularly, to the fact that it is proposed to assess one-half of the cost of same on the Borough of Queens.

This Association desires to go on record as protesting against the levying of an assessment of one-half of the cost of same upon the Borough of Queens and we feel that you, as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, will seriously consider a proposition which will be an advantage only to certain sections of the Boroughs Queens and Manhattan and at the same time affect the pocketbooks of many poor over-burdened tax payers throughout the entire Borough.

We believe the money that is proposed to be used in the acquisition of a river front park would be of more material advantage if it were used to purchase property for other public purposes.

We again beg to voice our protest against the acquisition of said East River Park and against an assessment of one-half the cost upon the Borough of Queens, where in other cases the assessment for improvement has been borne by the city at large.

I am,

Yours respectfully,



Secretary.

GEORGE OSBURG,  
264 THIRTEENTH STREET,  
LONG ISLAND CITY.

NOV 13 1912

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor;  
City Hall, New York City;

Dear Sir,

We, as taxpayers, of Queens Borough, desire to protest against placing the burden of 50% of the cost of the proposed East River Park on the Borough of Queens. We believe that the City of New York as a whole should assume that burden, as the people of Manhattan will be as much benefited by said park as we will.

Yours Respectfully,

George Osburg.  
Fred Wm Osburg.  
Charles W. Osburg.  
John H. Osburg.

College Point, 11-13-12.

Mayor Wm. Gaynor.

Chairman of Board of Estimate.

Gentleman:—

In reference to the proposition of assessing half the cost on the tax payers of the Borough of Queens for East River Park in Astoria, I hereby make an earnest protest against this proposition.

I think the entire city should pay for this park as it has for other parks in other sections of the city.

Respectfully

Mr. Wm. Simon Jr.

# 514 - 9 St.

College Point

L.D.

Flushing, N.Y.  
Nov. 13, 1912.

Dear Sir:—

I protest against the increase of <sup>this</sup> ~~taxes~~ for we do not need any more parks. This park would never do us any good. And Queens Borough should not be taxed for a park in Manhattan. This is an outrage to tax us for that park and I do not think they have any right to put such a tax on us. Yours Truly,

Mr. S. J. Brown.

59 Linden Ave  
Flushing  
L. I.

427 Cleventh Ave  
Astoria, L. I.

Nov. 13, 1912.

Honorable Mayor;  
We,  
Mrs. Ahles and Mr.  
Maglott, as taxpayers  
protest against assessing  
the Borough of Queens  
for half the expense  
of the Astoria Park.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. A. Ahles  
Mr. Lee Maglott

Astoria, Nov. 13/12.

Mayor Gaynor;

Dear Sir:

I wish to enter  
my protest, as a Tax-payer,  
against putting the entire cost  
of the Proposed East. River  
Park on to the Queens County  
alone; believing that the cost  
should be put on the City as  
a whole, as has been done  
in the past, when Parks have  
been opened in the City limits.

Yours Respectfully,

Chas. H. Schaefer

# 372-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Astoria.

# Winfield Citizens' and Taxpayers' Association

OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, NEW YORK CITY.

Member of United Civic Association

CHARLES J. THEUNER, Secretary,  
150 HYATT AVE.



Meetings Held Every Second Monday of  
Each Month at Krieg's Hall, Shell Road

WINFIELD JUNCTION, L. I., N. Y., Nov. 13, 1912. 191

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,  
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the proposition to establish the East River Park, in Astoria, in Queens, on the basis of that Borough paying 50% of the cost, the citizens of Winfield most emphatically enter protest against such departure which is a discrimination against the Borough of Queens. This park is available only to a small portion of the inhabitants of the Borough of Queens by reason of its location, and when it is considered that the expense of establishing parks in other Boroughs was borne by the City at large, the injustice of such proceeding is apparent.

Very respectfully,

WINFIELD CITIZENS & TAXPAYERS ASSN.

*C. J. Theuner*

SECRETARY.

Long Island City, N. Y.

November 13, 1913

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,  
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As a resident and taxpayer in the Borough of Queens for the past twenty-four years, I wish to protest against the proposed assessment on Queens County of half the cost of acquiring the East River Park at Astoria.

Respectfully,

Daniel Coffey

822 2nd Ave.  
L.I.C.

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LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y. NOV. 14, 1912.

HIS HON. MAYOR WM S. GAYNOR,

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPARTIONMENT,

CITY HALL, NEWYORK.

REPRESENTING ABOUT SIXTY FIVE PARCELS OF LONGISLAND CITY REALTY WHICH  
JUDGING FROM ASSESSORS VALUATIONS ARE WORTH ABOUT A QUARTER MILLON  
DOLLARS. I EMPHATICALLY PROTEST AGAI NST THE PROPOSED PLAN OF SPREADING  
THE COST FOR SHORE PARK.

D. S. SAMFORD.  
850AM.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES C. ADAMS, SECOND VICE-PREST.

EDWARD J. NALLY, VICE-PREST. AND GENERAL MANAGER.

CHARLES P. BRUCH, THIRD VICE-PREST.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH—FASTEST SERVICE IN THE WORLD

Wordside L. I. 11/13

Dear Sir,

Mayor Gaynor!

I write these few lines that I protest against this high tax against East River Park. I think the taxes at present are at full value against my property that I am unable to pay anymore.

Respectfully  
H. Pieber

21 - Fifth St  
Wordside L. I.

Woodside Ld 11/13

Dear Sir  
Mayor & Councillors!

I write these few  
lines concerning the  
high Taxes for East  
River Park I think  
the taxes at present  
are at full value against  
my Property and  
am unable to pay any  
more

Yours Truly  
Mrs L. Goettlicher  
19 - Fourth Street  
Woodside Ld.

# NIGHT LETTER

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BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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MS FLUSHING N.Y NOV 13

HON, MAYOR GAYNOR,

8424

CITY HALL NEWYORK CITY....

WE OWN PROPERTY IN THE THREE WARDS OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS

AND MOST EMPHATICALLY PROTEST AGAINST THE PROPOSED UNFAIR TAXATION

FOR THE EAST RIVER PARK.

E, B, JACKSON,

EXC, ESTATE SAMUEL C JACKSON.

1050PM

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HON, MAYOR GAYNOR.

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CITY HALL NEWYORK N.Y.....

I PAY TAXES IN THREE WARDS OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS AND  
 PROTEST STRONGLY AGAINST BEING TAXED FOR THE PROPOSED EAST  
 RIVER PARK.

B M JACKSON.

1046PM

243 Jamaica Ave  
Flushing L.I.  
Nov 13th

Mayor Gaynor

Dear Sir -

As a property owner in  
Flushing I wish to make  
a protest against increasing  
our assessment to pay for a  
proposed Park in Astoria  
We have enough parks,  
Improve our sewers

Amelia S. Wine

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