

**Denis M. Hughes, Former President, NYS AFL-CIO – CO-CHAIR**

Denis M. Hughes currently serves as Senior Advisor at Brown & Weinraub, and is the former President of the New York State AFL-CIO. He held the position from 1999 through 2011, and has been a member of the union since 1968.

Mr. Hughes also served as Chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and was appointed to a three year term as Commissioner of the New York State Insurance Fund. He has participated in multiple commissions, including the New York State Commission on State Asset Maximization, as well as the Governor's Spending and Government Efficiency Commission.

**Felix G. Rohatyn, Former Chairman, Municipal Assistance Corporation – CO-CHAIR**

Mr. Rohatyn is currently Senior Advisor to the Chairman and CEO at Lazard. He returned to the company after enjoying a nearly 50-year career at Lazard, both as Partner and Managing Director. He departed in 1997 to serve as US Ambassador to France under President Clinton, and went on to head his own private advisory firm, Rohatyn Associates.

Mr. Rohatyn is a trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and also serves on multiple boards, including the Board of Directors of Publicis Groupe SA and Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessey. He was chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) of the State of New York from 1975 to 1993, where he successfully restructured New York City's debt and resolved its financial crisis in the late 1970s. He also served as a member of the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange from 1968 to 1972.

**Mayor Byron Brown, Buffalo**

Mayor Byron Brown became the 58th Mayor of Buffalo, New York on December 31, 2005. A surge of economic development activity has followed Mayor Brown's election, including over \$4.5 billion in planned, ongoing or completed development projects occurring throughout the City since 2006. Prior to his election as Mayor of Buffalo, Mayor Brown served five years in the New York State Senate and was a member of the Buffalo City Council, representing Masten District.

**Mike Fishman, President, SEIU Local 32BJ**

As President of 32BJ Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Mr. Fishman leads New York's largest private-sector union and the country's largest property services union. The union represents more than 120,000 property service workers across multiple states. Mr. Fishman began his career at the carpenters' union, where he served for nearly 20 years, and later joined SEIU in 1996 as Chief of Staff to the President. Today Mr. Fishman serves as Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO Executive Council, Vice President of the New York City Central Labor Council; Chair of the 32BJ Benefit Fund, and Vice President of SEIU.

### **Peter Goldmark, Program Director – Climate and Air, Environmental Defense Fund**

Peter Goldmark directs the Climate and Air program for Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). Before joining EDF, Mr. Goldmark held significant leadership positions in both the public and private sectors for over twenty-five years. He has served as chairman and CEO of the International Herald Tribune, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the budget director for the State of New York during the fiscal crisis of the 1970s, where he helped engineer its rescue. He also served as president of the Rockefeller Foundation from 1988 through 1997, encouraging its involvement both environmental and energy related issues.

### **Gary LaBarbera, President, NYC Building & Construction Trades Council**

Mr. LaBarbera is currently President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York, representing 120,000 working men and women. Prior to this role, Mr. LaBarbera served organized labor in several other capacities, including President of the New York City Central Labor Council, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 16 and President of Teamsters Local #282. Mr. LaBarbera is also currently serving as Vice President of the New York City Central Labor Council as well as Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO.

### **Carol Kellermann, President, Citizens Budget Commission**

Ms. Kellermann is currently the President of the Citizens Budget Commission, and has over 25 years of experience as a public service leader. Prior to joining the Citizens Budget Commission, Ms. Kellerman was Interim Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers and PENCIL, Inc., and a consultant to City University of New York. She has also served as Executive Director and CEO of the September 11 Fund, as well as Executive Director of Learning Leaders, the oldest and largest volunteer program in the New York City public schools. Ms. Kellermann has been chief of staff to Congressman Charles E. Schumer and held various executive positions in New York City government, including Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Finance.

### **Mayor Stephanie Miner, Syracuse**

Mayor Miner is currently serving as the the 53rd Mayor of the City of Syracuse. Mayor Miner began her career in government as the Assistant Upstate Coordinator for Geraldine Ferraro for U.S. Senate, and later went onto become a Syracuse Common Councilor-at-Large shortly after graduating law school. She served on the Council for nearly seven years before being elected Mayor of Syracuse in 2009. Mayor Miner is the first woman elected Mayor in any of the “Big 5” cities in New York State.

### **Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association**

Mr. Yaro is currently President of Regional Plan Association, the nation's oldest independent metropolitan policy, research, and advocacy group. Mr. Yaro also co-chairs the Empire State

Transportation Alliance and the Friends of Moynihan Station, and is Vice President of the Forum for Urban Design.

**John D. Cameron, Jr. PE, Chairman, Long Island Regional Planning Council**

John D. Cameron, Jr., P.E., is Chairman of the Long Island Regional Planning Council and Founder and Managing Partner of Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP. Mr. Cameron's professional career of over twenty years is focused on the areas of planning and mechanical, electrical, civil and environmental engineering. Cameron Engineering & Associates is a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm that specializes in both public and private sector engineering.

**Robert F. Mujica Jr., Chief of Staff to the Senate Majority and Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee**

Robert F. Mujica Jr. is the Chief of Staff to the Senate Majority and also serves as Secretary to the Senate Finance Committee. In addition to coordinating Senior and Central staff activities for the Senate Majority, Mr. Mujica is the Senate's chief fiscal advisor, where his responsibilities include analyzing and developing budget and fiscal proposals for the Senate Majority, as well as conducting policy negotiations on the Majority's behalf.

**Ron Canestrari, Majority Leader, New York State Assembly**

Ron Canestrari is serving his 11th term in the New York State Assembly representing the 106th Assembly District, which consists of parts of Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties. It includes Cohoes, his hometown where he previously served as Mayor for thirteen years, sections of the cities of Albany and Troy, and the communities of East Greenbush, Green Island, North Greenbush, Rensselaer, Waterford and Watervliet.

He was appointed to the position of Majority Leader on January 3, 2007 by Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Prior to his ascension to Majority Leader, he served as Chairman of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee, where he was the leading advocate for students throughout New York State.

**Herman D. "Denny" Farrell, Jr., Chairman, New York State Assembly Ways & Means Committee**

Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell, Jr. was elected to the State Assembly in 1974 from a district that encompasses West Harlem, Washington Heights and Inwood.

In March of 1994, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver appointed Mr. Farrell Chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. From 1979 until 1994, Farrell was Chairman of the Assembly Banks Committee. In 1983, Governor Cuomo appointed him to the Temporary Committee on Interstate Banking.

Assemblyman Farrell was elected County Leader of his political party in New York in April 1981. Assemblyman Farrell's first election was in 1970, when he was elected a State Committeeman for two years. In 1983, Assemblyman Farrell was elected Vice Chair of his State Party, a position he held for ten years, and was elected Chair in 2001. In 1973, Mr. Farrell was elected District Leader, a position he continues to hold.

**Margaret Tobin, Executive Director, New York Works Task Force**

Margaret Tobin is the Executive Director of the New York Works Task Force. Ms. Tobin joins the Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo after a 25 year career in economic development, finance, large scale public works projects and real estate development. Most recently, she founded a real estate consulting practice working with a variety of organizations on real estate matters. In the private sector, Ms. Tobin was the Executive Vice President for Development at Thor Equities, a national private equity real estate fund, where she oversaw hotel, retail, office and mixed-use development projects. Prior to Thor Equities, Ms. Tobin was a Vice President at Vornado Realty Trust. In the public sector, Ms. Tobin was the Executive Vice President and CFO of the Hudson River Park Conservancy, and also served under Mayor Dinkins in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.