

Luncheon



Scott Rechler – RXR Realty

Scott Rechler is the chief executive officer and chairman of RXR Realty LLC (RXR), a multi-billion dollar private real estate company which was formed subsequent to the sale of Reckson Associates Realty Corp (“Reckson”) to SL Green in January 2007, one of the largest public real estate management buyouts in REIT history.

Rechler served as CEO and chairman of the Board during Reckson’s dynamic growth throughout New York City, Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester and Connecticut. Rechler was the architect of Reckson’s \$300 million IPO in 1995 and \$6.5 billion sale in 2007 generating a 715 percent total return to Reckson shareholders.

Since its formation in January 2007, Rechler has led RXR in becoming one of the New York Tri-State area’s leading real estate companies, accumulating a portfolio with a gross value of approximately \$8.0 billion comprised of 111 properties encompassing over 21.7 million square feet.

In June 2011, Rechler was appointed by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and in September 2011, he was named to serve as vice chairman of that board. Rechler also serves as chairman of the Port Authority’s Capital Planning Committee, where he oversees the Port’s \$30 billion capital budget including the World Trade Center redevelopment. In May 2013, Rechler was appointed to represent Governor Cuomo on the Board of The National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc.

Rechler is actively involved with the Real Estate Roundtable, for which he is a member of the Board of Directors and Co-Chair of its Political Action Committee.

Rechler prides himself on enhancing the communities where RXR operates. As such, he serves as a member of the Real Estate Board of New York, member of the Hofstra Honors College Advisory Committee, as well as the NYU Real Estate Institute Advisory Committee. In addition, Rechler serves as the co-president of the Board of Trustees for Friends Academy and serves on the Board of many of the region’s top cultural institutions such as the Tribeca Film Institute and the Long Island Children’s Museum where he serves as its co-chairman of the Board.

Rechler graduated from Clark University. He earned his master’s in Real Estate at the New York University Schack Institute.



Steve Israel – House of Representatives

Sworn into Congress in 2001, Steve Israel represents New York's 3rd Congressional District.

Israel is the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. In March 2012, he was appointed to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. In March 2013, Israel was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) Board of Visitors.

Israel has worked towards reducing our national dependence on foreign oil, lowering energy costs and creating a clean technology economy. His key energy accomplishments include funding the U.S.-Israel Energy Cooperation Act and the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy.

Israel has secured more than \$5 million in overdue benefits for Long Islanders who served in the military. He has visited troops in conflict areas on nine occasions, including visiting highly-remote fire bases in Afghanistan.

Israel is a defender of consumers, authoring a bill that would take arsenic – a known carcinogen – out of the poultry supply and working to implement mandatory rules for medicine cups, which due to frequent flaws lead to over- or under-dosing children.

Among Israel's local accomplishments are securing record-level federal investments to protect the Long Island Sound, protecting taxpayers by changing the federal tax code to reflect the local cost-of-living and supporting local women's health initiatives.



Steve Bellone – Suffolk County

Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone took office on January 1, 2012 after 11 years as Babylon town supervisor.

In Babylon, Bellone kept the town in excellent fiscal standing even as the recession put governments at all levels in deep financial trouble. He reduced the town's debt every year he was in office, eliminated red tape to attract new businesses to Long Island, and delivered a \$4.3 million dollar tax cut to residents. He wants to use the same approach to reduce the county's debt while keeping taxes low.

An Army veteran, Steven Bellone feels a strong obligation to our returning veterans. He helped raise nearly half a million dollars for wounded soldiers with the Wounded Warrior Project and Run for the Warriors. The supervisor also led a campaign in Babylon to support the building of the National World War II Memorial that raised more than \$25,000.

In 2002, he launched Wyandanch Rising, a community-based approach to revitalizing the most economically distressed community on Long Island. The NYS Department of State named Wyandanch one of three "Spotlight Communities" in the state in 2009. It was also selected in 2010 by the United States Green Building Council as one of 10 projects in the nation to showcase the new LEED for Neighborhood Development standard.