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BUILDING FUTURES FOR NEW YORK CITY’S NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS

HONOREES

Carlo A. Scissura, Esq.
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Joseph Geiger
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters
Robert Reardon began her career in acting after earning a theatre degree from the University of Wisconsin. In 2007, she became the president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). In 2012, when the Screen Actors' Guild (SAG) merged with the AFTRA, Reardon became the founding co-president of the new SAG-AFTRA union, which boasted approximately 165,000 members. She served in that post until 2013.

Ms. Reardon was confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 15, 2016. Before being appointed labor commissioner, Reardon worked as a special liaison for common sense economics at the AFL-CIO. She has also served as a member of the board of trustees for the Actors Fund and the AFTRA Health and Retirement Funds.

Ms. Reardon holds a B.A. in theatre from the University of Wyoming.
Joseph Geiger is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters. His involvement with the Union is extensive: working his way up through the ranks, holding numerous positions in the field, and committing to various leadership roles during his 34 years with the organization. As EST, Joe currently oversees the operations of the over 20,000 member organization, comprised of nine local unions covering a wide range of trade specialties.

Joe was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He joined Timberman Local Union 1536 on July 4, 1984 at the age of seventeen, where he started his career as a timberman helper. A leader in the field, Joe worked his way up to Journeyman, Shop Steward, Foreman, and finally to General Foreman. This ambition translated to getting involved with his Local Union in leadership roles as he began to exercise his voice in union activity.

Joe held many positions in his Local Union, and ultimately the District Council. He became highly involved in Local 1536, where he held positions as Treasurer, President, Delegate, and serving on the Trial Committee. After
their merger into Dockbuilders/Timbermen Local Union 1556, Joe served as President and Delegate to the District Council. In 2005 he was hired as a Business Representative at the District Council, during which time, Joe continued to serve as a Trustee. In December 2013, he was elected to the Office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and he was reelected after running unopposed in December 2014.

Joseph strives to enhance the livelihoods of his fellow brothers and sisters through his roles as a co-chairman on the New York City District Council of Carpenters Benefit Funds and as co-director of the New York City and Vicinity Carpenters Labor Management Corporation. Consistently endeavoring to educate members on the importance of the Union, he plans to build camaraderie throughout the Union, and keep the District Council on the road to self-governance.

Joseph lives in New Jersey with his wife, Debbie and has four children; Frank, Joseph Jr., Robert, and Brittany.
Carlo A. Scissura, Esq. is President & CEO of the New York Building Congress, a position he has held since January 2017.

The New York Building Congress is a broad-based membership association committed to promoting the growth and success of the construction industry in New York City and its environs. The organization – which includes members from across the building community – provides a unique forum to advance an industry-wide agenda focusing on economic and infrastructure investment, job creation, and professional exchange.

Carlo and his team have spurred tremendous growth at the Building Congress. With record membership, increased visibility across the five boroughs and the entire region, and a focus on securing infrastructure investment from the city, state and federal levels of government, the Building Congress is stronger and more influential than ever.

Prior to joining the Building Congress, Carlo was President & CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Under Carlo’s leadership, the Chamber became one of New York’s largest business advocacy and economic
development organizations, and its membership grew by more than 200 percent to over 2,200 members. During this historic period of growth, the Chamber’s efforts were widely recognized as creating national models for business development, outreach and technical assistance, and regional branding.

Carlo served both as Chief of Staff and General Counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz for nearly five years before leading the Brooklyn Chamber. During his tenure, he restructured operations at Borough Hall and served as senior advisor to the Borough President. He focused on driving the borough’s economic development agenda, working closely with the Mayor’s Office, City Council, and Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and served on the Boards of EDC, the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation and Brooklyn Public Library.

A graduate of both Pace University and Pace Law School, Carlo owned a thriving solo practice law firm in Dyker Heights prior to joining the Borough President’s Office. He previously served on the staffs of State Senator Vincent Gentile and Assemblyman Peter Abbate.
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Carlo is the President of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations, where he has spearheaded the building of the new Italian Cultural and Community Center in Brooklyn. He is a member of the Boards of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp., The New York City Regional Economic Development Council, ACE Mentorship, Salvadori Center and the Friends of the BQX. Carlo is a former member of Community Board 11 in Brooklyn and the District 20 School Board and Community Education Council. Carlo was the Chair of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway redevelopment panel, tasked with evaluating options for the replacement of the aging highway from the Atlantic Avenue interchange to Sands Street in Brooklyn. Carlo has also received numerous honors and awards for his work.

Born and raised in Bensonhurst, Carlo is a lifelong Brooklyn resident. He currently lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his daughter, Teresa Rose.
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