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REBNY Honors Distinguished Leaders at 123rd Annual Banquet

At the Real Estate Board of New York's (REBNY) 123rd Annual Banquet held on January 17, New York City's real estate industry gathered with city and state dignitaries to honor the professional and civic achievements of Carol Kellermann, Bernard Warren, Diane Ramirez, Daniel Tishman, Helena Durst, Ira Fishman, and Alex Bernstein.



Carol Kellermann, President of the Citizens Budget Commission, received The John E. Zuccotti Public Service Award. This award recognizes a New Yorker who has displayed exceptional accomplishments and service in the public's interest.

Helena Rose Durst, a principal at The Durst Organization, received The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award, which recognizes a REBNY member's meritorious service to the community.

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer applauded Carol Kellermann, outgoing president of the Citizens Budget Commission, on her dedicated service to NYC as she received The John E. Zuccotti Public Service Award. The Zuccotti Award recognizes a New Yorker who has displayed exceptional accomplishments and service in the public's interest. Kellermann was Schumer's first chief of staff in the House of Representatives.

Bernard Warren, chairman and president of Webb & Brooker, received The George M. Brooker Management Executive of the Year Award, which recognizes individuals of superior accomplishment in property management based on outstanding professionalism, civic achievement, and contributions to the real estate industry.

Addressing an audience of over 2,000 attendees, the Senator called for an end to the government shutdown and the passage of the Gateway tunnel project.

Ira Z. Fishman, a partner at HSP Real Estate Group, received The Louis Smadbeck Memorial Broker Recognition Award, which celebrates a commercial broker



with exceptional personal and professional integrity, leadership, prominence in the brokerage community, and service to REBNY's committees.

"New York depends on it," he said.

Schumer was joined by numerous elected officials, New York City and State commissioners, along with civic and business leaders.

"Tonight's turnout is a sign of the strength and unity of our industry," said John H. Banks, REBNY president. "Together we will lead the way for a brighter 2019."

Former REBNY Senior Vice Presidents John Doyle and Michael Slattery, who retired in 2018, were also recognized during the program for their commitment and service to REBNY and New York City.

Alex Bernstein, executive vice president, new business, at Bernstein Real Estate Group, received The Young Real Estate Professional of the Year Award. This award is selected by the Young Men's/Women's Real Estate Association of New York and presented to a member who exemplifies strong integrity, professionalism, and personal ethics.

The dinner program concluded with an educational video, "Retail in New York City," produced with assistance from the New York City Economic Development Corporation, Alliance for Downtown New York, NYC & Company, Silverstein Properties, and The Related Companies.

"We commend the honorees on their outstanding accomplishments and thank them for their service to our industry and New York City," said Bill Rudin, REBNY chairman.

Daniel R. Tishman, principal and vice chairman of Tishman, received The Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award, presented to an industry member for their invaluable contributions to New York's civic welfare and the real estate community.

Sponsors included Tishman, Suffolk Construction, Vornado Realty Trust, the Durst Organization, Newmark Knight Frank, Brookfield Properties, MGN Consulting, The Douglaston Companies, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, CBRE, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Kramer Levin A. Ottavino Corp.; and Media Room Sponsors Con Edison and Withum, all at various sponsor levels.

Diane M. Ramirez, chairman and chief executive officer of Halstead Real Estate, received The Bernard H. Mendik Lifetime Leadership in Real Estate Award for her exceptional accomplishments in the profession, leadership, and service to the real estate industry over the course of her career.

Fred Geller Electrical, Fried Frank, ADCO Electrical Corporation, and ASM Mechanical Systems underwrote the event.