

# RexCorp's Rechler Calls for Visionary Thinking

## *Lighthouse Project Plays a Key Role*



Scott Rechler, Chairman and CEO of RexCorp Realty LLC ("RXR") and Principal of Lighthouse Development Group, in a keynote speech before the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, emphasized the importance of investing in Long Island's future by promoting visionary thinking and a renewed sense of community purpose. Given that Long Island is at the "epicenter" of the nation's financial crisis, it's crucial that all public and private sector leaders work constructively to spur

innovation and ensure a profitable future for small businesses, homeowners and future generations of local residents, he said.

"Historically, Long Island has done best in moments of adversity," Rechler said. "We face a housing crisis and high living costs. At this time, we need a clear plan to compete, attract and continue to grow existing business on Long Island. We need to be proactive as a community to weather this economic crisis and become stronger together."

In the face of these challenges, it's critical that the entire community focus on the important role the Lighthouse at Long Island will play as a catalyst to bolster employment and economic growth throughout the region. It's projected that the project will create 50,000 construction and construction-related jobs for Long Islanders over the build-out period. As it expands, the project will generate an estimated 20,000 permanent jobs along with an additional \$70 million in new tax revenues each year.

"We need community transforming projects that will create jobs, new tax revenues and housing," Rechler said. "Projects that make our communities stronger will bring people to shop in your businesses and in our downtowns."

As an important early step, local elected officials must help secure the necessary approvals to improve the region's infra-

structure and promote continued business development, Rechler said.

"We are working with Long Island's entire Congressional delegation as well as many local leaders on infrastructure and roadway improvements," Rechler said. "All of those involved see these improvements as a far-sighted investment in Long Island future."

## LI CEO Henry Holley says 'Meet Me at the Lighthouse'

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Henry Holley of The Holley Group has been a fixture in the Long Island community for several decades. Mr. Holley is the CEO of The Holley Group, a consulting firm that provides business services to companies, administrators and prominent developers' assistance in reaching the vast diverse communities of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Mr. Holley has earned the respect of political, community and religious leaders as a business maverick hav-

New Yorkers. Says Holley, 'The Lighthouse Project is the vital shot in the proverbial arm that Long Island needs to stimulate the economy during a national economic downturn.' "This project will bring jobs and opportunities to small business owners in Long Island," says Holley who has an extensive rolodex of A-list entrepreneurs and political and community leaders.

Holley's experience over many decades is what equipped him to earn his company, The Holley Group, such an impressive position to work with The Lighthouse Project. It is obvious, though, that even

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ing owned a successful transportation enterprise, led the prestigious 100 Black Men of Long Island and most recently serving on a community advisory board for Debate '08.

Admittedly busy, Mr. Holley currently serves on several community boards and in addition to consulting is a licensed real estate broker. In between his busy moments, Mr. Holley's The Holley Group is a consultant to what will be the largest private development project in Long Island, The Lighthouse a sports, housing and entertainment complex.

It is almost five years ago that Mr. Holley stood with the principals of The Lighthouse Project, Charles Wang and Scott Reckler in a photo to announce this historic initiative. And according to Holley, 'this project will be one of the most dynamic projects to come to our community.' The Project is currently awaiting its final approval from the county to proceed to break ground on the site where The Marriott Hotel and the Nassau Coliseum stand.

The expansive and dynamic project will bring opportunity and benefits to Long Island in the form of improvements in roads, employment, a new home for the Islanders, new hotels, play areas for kids, shopping, dining, parking and fun that is not restricted to Long Islanders, but for all

without being a consultant to the 'Lighthouse Project,' Holley would still be just as enthused and excited about what's coming. "Long Island needs to recognize that this project is vital." We need, The Lighthouse Project and if it did not materialize", Holley says it would be "a shame." Further, adds Holley beyond it being just a shame, Holley would respond by saying "Shame on Long Island," if the project does not get the support it needs.

It is obvious that Holley does not anticipate any further glitches to delay or prevent final approval of The Lighthouse Project as he confidently speaks with great confidence and commitment of the next phase of the Project. Wang and Reckler, the visionaries behind the Lighthouse Project have made a commitment to the community to not only develop the unused acres of property, but to improve the surrounding areas which is unique to most project developer's attitudes. Typically, developers build their projects and do not concern themselves with other factors. Some of these factors being, benefits to the education system in Uniondale, bus transportation to the local railroad station as well as a trolley-like bus that will transport employees from surrounding office complexes to the Lighthouse for shopping and food. Holley confirms that Long Islanders will want to "Meet at the Lighthouse."

## One Hundred Black Women Sponsor U.S. Presidential Issues Forum

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Long Island Chapter, Inc. in partnership with over 20 civic organizations presented the U.S. Presidential Issues Forum a multi-day non-partisan voter education event at Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale, New York. The Forum was hosted by noted journalist Les Payne and featured Donna Brazile, noted political strategist. Donna Brazile is Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute which was established in 2001 to help to protect and promote the rights of all citizens to participate in the electoral process, Brazile works to strengthen the democratic process in America.



Pictured are the local organizational presidents with Donna Brazile. All three organizations co-sponsored this special event with the Long Island Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Hazel Brandon Palmore, President of the Ivy Foundation, Suffolk-Nassau Counties, Inc. Wilma Holmes Tootle, President of the Long Island Chapter of The Links, Inc. Leah E. Watson, President of Theta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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