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Carl Weisbrod To Step Down From Roles At Planning Commission, Planning Department



Carl Weisbrod. Photo by Michael Appleton for the New York Times.

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On the heels of the City Planning Commission [voting to certify](#) the proposed rezoning of Midtown East, kicking off the public review process, the Commission's chairman, Carl Weisbrod, announced he will be stepping down from his position by the end of the month. Weisbrod will also retire from his position as director of the New York City's Department of City Planning, the [New York Times reported](#). Weisbrod, appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2014, has served a key role in implementing the current administration's zoning policies, with a career in government and civic life spanning decades. City officials say Weisbrod will become the new chairman of the Trusts for Governors Island, a nonprofit organization tasked with leading development projects and overlooking daily operations on the island.

Mariso Lago, former Empire State Development Corporation President, will succeed Weisbrod. Carlo A. Scissura, New York Building Congress President and Chief Executive Officer, made the following statement:

“Marisa Lago is the perfect choice to succeed a legend such as Carl Weisbrod as Director of the Department of City Planning and Chair of the City Planning Commission. The New York Building Congress looks forward to working with Marisa and the de Blasio administration to strengthen our communities throughout the five boroughs, create more affordable housing, support key industries and prepare for future economic growth through such vital initiatives as the Midtown East rezoning. We also are excited to work with Carl in shaping a bold vision for Governors Island.”