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John Zuccotti's Big Day



We were on hand Thursday as the New York Building Congress presented Brookfield co-chairman **John Zuccotti** (left) with its **Jack & Lewis Rudin Award** for service to NYC. (We snapped him with NYBC prez **Dick Anderson**.) John has quite the **storied history** here—chairman of the **NYC Planning Commission** at age 33, the City's **first deputy mayor** at age 35, starting a law firm at 40 (right before a real estate collapse), and REBNY chairman, among other roles. He spoke of **getting shot at in Venezuela** while building there, working during a time when the mayor and governor **hated each other**, bankruptcies, real estate downturns, and Brookfield's role in Downtown's rebuilding after 9/11. "I'm a **downside specialist**," he jokes. "I should have received an award for damage control officer."



Above, luncheon chairs **Jonathan Resnick** of Jack Resnick & Sons and Willis North America's **Todd Jones** flank NYBC chairman **Tom Scarangelo** of Thornton Tomasetti and the luncheon's guests of honor, AECOM executive chairman **John Dionisio** and Gilbane chairman **Thomas Gilbane**. Both received leadership awards for their professional and civic accomplishments. John, the immediate past chair of NYBC, has been with AECOM for over **40 years**, tripling its revenue, doubling its workforce, and overseeing one of the largest engineering IPOs ever, as well as forming the NYBC task force on **NYC storm preparedness** after Sandy. Tom, who joined his company in 1970, has expanded Gilbane to over **50 offices** and was noted for his extensive community work.



1,100 industry pros packed the Hilton ballroom for the org's 93rd annual leadership luncheon, bringing in over **\$800k**. (Consider that when it was first held, in **1921**, icons like the **Empire State** and **Chrysler** buildings weren't even built yet.) Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development **Alicia Glen** also updated the crowd on **Mayor de**

Blasio's efforts of building **200,000 affordable housing units** during a "fundamental housing crisis," noting the administration would help the building industry achieve this through cutting permit, approval, and certification times as well as **unlocking new capacity** for denser construction.