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New York Building Congress Taps Scissura as President, CEO

Anderson Steps Down from Leadership Position After 23 Years

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Carlo Scissura, a lifelong New Yorker and veteran of Brooklyn politics, business, and economic development, has been named president and CEO of the New York Building Congress.

Effective January 1, 2017, Scissura will succeed Richard T. Anderson, who has served as president of the New York Building Congress for the past 23 years. At that time, Anderson will assume the title of President Emeritus and continue to serve the Building Congress as a consultant.

"Since 1994, I have had the distinct privilege of serving the design, construction and real estate community and the Building Congress' members, who are 100 percent dedicated to enhancing the industry and growing New York City's economy," said Anderson. "It is gratifying to know that the organization is in great hands moving forward with Carlo Scissura."



Carlos A. Scissura, president-elect and incoming CEO of the New York Building Congress

Scissura has served as President and CEO of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce since 2012. Under his leadership, the Brooklyn Chamber's membership has grown by more than 200 percent and is now one of New York's largest business advocacy and economic development organizations. Scissura oversaw the launch of Explore Brooklyn, Brooklyn-Made and Chamber on the Go, receiving substantial new funding from government agencies and private foundations.

"It is my great honor and privilege to be named President and CEO of the New York Building Congress, one of the most well-respected and influential organizations in the state," said Scissura. "As President and CEO, I will work tirelessly to meet the needs of our membership, both private and public, assist in the continued growth of the construction industry, and ensure that the Building Congress remains at the forefront of economic development, policy and legislation in New York and beyond."

Prior to his work with the Brooklyn Chamber, Scissura served as chief of staff and general counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. During his tenure he focused on restructuring operations at Borough Hall and driving Brooklyn's economic development agenda. He also served on the Boards of the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation and Brooklyn Public Library. Before that he owned a solo practice law firm in Dyker Heights, and served on the staffs of State Senator Vincent Gentile and Assemblyman Peter Abbate.

"Succeeding Dick Anderson, who has been the face of the New York Building Congress for more than two

decades, is certainly going to be a challenge, but we are certain that Carlo Scissura is the ideal person to take on this role," said New York Building Congress Chairman Richard Cavallaro. "A veteran of both the public and private sectors, Carlo has devoted his career to spurring economic growth and development in New York City, and his home borough of Brooklyn in particular."

The selection of Scissura is the culmination of a 10-month search led by STV Group President and CEO Milo E. Rivero, overseeing an esteemed search committee that included Anderson, Cavallaro, and many noted New York business leaders in the commercial real estate, architecture and construction fields.