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U.S. Congressman Jerrold Nadler Stresses Importance of Securing Lower Manhattan Resiliency

At Annual Meeting, D-LMA Board Also Votes on New Slate of Directors

(March 21, 2016) – At this morning’s Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association (D-LMA) annual meeting, Congressman Jerrold Nadler addressed the importance of continued efforts to secure Lower Manhattan’s resiliency and post-Sandy recovery. In speaking to the group of more than 100 Lower Manhattan leaders, the Congressman also spoke about his successful efforts to secure the permanent reauthorization of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act and provide full compensation to survivors and first responders and survivors through the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Congressman Nadler was an advocate for Lower Manhattan’s inclusion in the federal government’s recent National Disaster Resiliency Competition funding, stressing the district’s vulnerability to coastal flooding and rising sea levels and the critical importance of protecting Lower Manhattan against natural disasters.

“It was an honor to join today’s Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association annual meeting and speak with the many community and business leaders who are building and growing Lower Manhattan,” said Congressman Jerry Nadler. “I am grateful for their efforts and to be working with so many of the members and directors of D-LMA on issues of importance to us all: access to health care, resiliency and protection in the face of impending climate change, and meeting the transportation and infrastructure needs for this thriving neighborhood.”



"It's been an extraordinary year for Lower Manhattan since the D-LMA last met a year ago," said Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association President Jessica Lappin. "We're attracting ever more businesses and are continuing our dynamic growth. As this continues, it becomes even more important to make us more resilient and prepared for climate change than ever before. We've made some progress on securing funds to harden our shoreline, but now we have to ensure we are using funding to actually protect the shores of Lower Manhattan. I thank Congressman Nadler for his commitment and leadership on this effort."



The D-LMA also voted this morning on a new slate of Directors. New Board Members elected today are: Irene Baker of JPMorgan Chase & Company; David Cheikin of Brookfield Properties Corporation; Chanda Gibson of Goldman Sachs; and Joel Steinhaus of Citigroup. Alan M. Scott, recently named the Chair of the Alliance for Downtown New York Board of Directors, was also elected as Chair of the D-LMA Board of Directors today. Robert R. Douglass, former Chairman of both organizations, was appointed lifetime director of the D-LMA at today's meeting. Photos of the event can be downloaded [here](#).

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