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**Christine Quinn to Speak at Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable's Fifth Anniversary**

**October 12, Brooklyn, NY** – Christine Quinn, NYC Council Speaker, will speak at the Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable's fifth anniversary luncheon at noon on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, with three other influential figures in Brooklyn real estate speaking at the event. The luncheon will be held at Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street at Clinton Street.

Topics and speakers for the November 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon are:

- **Christine C. Quinn**, New York City Council Speaker, will discuss issues ranging from New York City's economy and development to New York City Council policies.
- **Jed Walentas**, Vice President, Two Trees Management Co., will discuss the Two Trees' hotel under development at 80 Wythe Ave. in Williamsburg.
- **Karen Hopkins**, President of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), will discuss BAM real estate developments in area neighborhoods, including the story of the Fisher building BAM recently opened on Ashland Place.
- **David Gmach**, Con Edison Public Affairs Director, will discuss Con Edison's infrastructure and future plans in Brooklyn based on projections of power use.

Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable is a quarterly luncheon series dedicated to examining, analyzing, reviewing and predicting the critical issues in Brooklyn real estate. It is the only event where Brooklyn's real estate professionals gather to discuss timely and important issues affecting the industry. In 2010, more than 100 real estate professionals, including developers, architects, brokers, bankers, lawyers and retailers, attended each luncheon.

So far in 2011, the Roundtable series has featured Steven Spinola, John B. Rhea, David Ridini, Paul Travis, and MaryAnne Gilmartin as speakers. The Roundtable has tackled issues such as demographic changes, financing availability, transportation initiatives, hotel economics, crime and economic analysis, all with a Brooklyn focus.

The cost is \$300 for a series ticket to the November 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon or \$1,100 for a corporate ticket (up to four guests) at the luncheon.

To buy tickets online, visit [https://etm.patrontechnology.com/o/BHS/p/run\\_module.php?\\_module\\_=2550](https://etm.patrontechnology.com/o/BHS/p/run_module.php?_module_=2550)

To mail payment for tickets, please fill out and mail the registration form available at [http://www.brooklynhistory.org/support/pdf/2011\\_rer\\_invite\\_nov.pdf](http://www.brooklynhistory.org/support/pdf/2011_rer_invite_nov.pdf). **Tickets will not be mailed.** Guest names will be held at the door.

Sponsorship opportunities for the luncheons are available. For sponsorship opportunities or for more information, please contact Brooklyn Historical Society at [roundtable@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:roundtable@brooklynhistory.org) or 347.381.3705. All proceeds from the Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable benefit Brooklyn Historical Society.

The 2012 series will begin in February 2012 and luncheons in 2012 will be held quarterly, in February, May, August and November.

Chaired by **Michael Kaye**, Douglaston Development, members of the Roundtable Steering Committee are: **Christopher Havens**, Creative Real Estate Group

**Paula Ingram**, Ingram and Hebron  
**David Kramer**, Hudson Companies  
**Ken Krasnow**, Massey Knakal  
**Jason Muss**, Muss Development  
**William Ross**, Halstead Property  
**Joseph Sitt**, Thor Equities  
**David Von Spreckelson**, Toll Brothers  
**Jed Walentas**, Two Trees Management

Press interested in attending should contact Keara Duggan at 347-381-3703 or [kduggan@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:kduggan@brooklynhistory.org) . For more details about the Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable and the November 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon, please see the Roundtable link on the right-hand side of the Brooklyn Historical Society's web site at [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org) .