

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilwoman Cartright and Highway Superintendent Losquadro Honor Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce at IDA Business Leaders Breakfast

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**Farmingville, NY** – Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright and Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro were on hand at Town Hall for the annual Business Leaders Breakfast. More than 120 business owners and Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce executives attended the breakfast, which was hosted by the Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency. The keynote speaker of was Raymond J. Keating, Chief Economist of the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit, small business advocacy group. He is also the author of five non-fiction books about the economy and a novelist who has written five thrillers in his Pastor Stephen Grant series of non-fiction books. Also at the event were representatives from many Town Departments, including Economic Development, Law, Fire Safety, Public Safety, Building, Planning, Tax Assessor and more to answer any questions from the attendees.

"There are thousands of small businesses in Brookhaven that serve as the backbone of our economy," said Supervisor Romaine. "It's important that we partner with them and our local Chambers of Commerce to help build business throughout the Town. I commend the Brookhaven IDA for organizing this very worthwhile event."

Councilwoman Cartright said, "The Business Leaders Breakfast is an excellent opportunity for our local businesses to learn about resources, network and cross promote their businesses. The Chambers of Commerce do an outstanding job of nurturing the local business community and promoting economic growth. To honor them at this event shows the Town wide support for their efforts."

"Brookhaven Town's business and chambers of commerce leaders contribute greatly to our local communities and economy," said Daniel P. Losquadro, Superintendent of Highways. "This event provided Supervisor Romaine and I an opportunity to say thank you, while also listening to their thoughts and opinions about how we can continue working to keep local businesses moving forward."

Pictured top left are Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and keynote speaker Raymond J. Keating.

Pictured top right are Supervisor Romaine, Moriches Chamber of Commerce President Julia Pratt, Treasurer Geraldine Sapanaro and Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro.

Pictured at bottom are Councilwoman Cartright (third from right) with local business owners and chamber members.

About the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency

Since 1971, the mission of the Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency has been to promote the economic welfare and prosperity of the Town of Brookhaven by assisting in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and equipping of commercial and industrial facilities. The IDA has issued millions of dollars in tax-exempt or taxable bonds and provided assistance through straight lease deals to encourage companies to either locate or expand in the Town of Brookhaven. This assistance has been extended to companies both large and small, and has resulted in the direct creation of thousands of jobs for Brookhaven residents. The IDA has provided assistance to a wide range of companies, including Tate's, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Precision International, LI Precast, Woodcrest, Uncle Wally's, and FramERICA. For more information, visit [BrookhavenIDA.org](http://BrookhavenIDA.org) or call 631-451-6563.

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