Farmingville, NY – On January 21, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico (right) was honored as one of the recipients of the 2016 40 Under 40 Awards, presented by the Long Island Business News (LIBN) during a ceremony held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Also pictured is Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine (left), who nominated Councilman Panico for the award.

Councilman Panico, 37, was among more than 40 professionals who were recognized by LIBN as a future leader of Long Island in business, government, education and the non-profit sector, with a proven track record of career success, while also giving back to the community. Councilman Panico was chosen for the work he has done to help preserve the quality of life for the constituents he represents in the Sixth Town Council District, most notably his commitment to rid neighborhoods of “zombie” houses and blighted structures that have become a public nuisance through an aggressive demolition program. In addition, Councilman Panico has been a staunch advocate for open space and has been successful in acquiring and preserving more than 500 acres of land in eastern Brookhaven Town.

"Dan certainly deserves to be recognized for what he has done while serving on the Town Board," said Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine. "The residents of his district are very fortunate to have him represent them. He works very hard to improve their quality of life and has made Brookhaven Town a better place for everyone."

"Thank you to the Long Island Business News, thank you to my colleagues - especially Supervisor Ed Romaine for nominating me, and thank you to the residents for bestowing your faith in me as your councilman. It was a beautiful evening."

Councilman Panico, who is a graduate of Stony Brook University and Touro Law School, has served as a member of the Brookhaven Town Board since 2010, and was elected to serve his third term in November 2015. He was appointed as Brookhaven Town Deputy Supervisor by Supervisor Romaine in 2012. Prior to being elected to the Town Board, Councilman Panico was a member of the Brookhaven Town Planning Board. Councilman Panico resides in Center Moriches with his wife Deanna and their son, Grant.