Farmingville, NY - On February 11, Supervisor Ed Romaine (third from left) served as a guest panelist at the 2015 Thought Leadership Series Event, "Myths and Realities of Development on Long Island." The event was hosted by housing developers AvalonBay and VHB, an engineering, surveying and landscape architecture firm. The primary focus of the presentation was a discussion about the data that is compiled before and after a project is built. Topics covered during the session included traffic, property taxes, disposable income of new residents, the impact on local school districts and data showing that many of the initial concerns of the public were not realized by the completed project.

Pictured left to right are former Suffolk County Presiding Officer Paul Tonna, Former Hempstead Supervisor Rich Guardino, Supervisor Romaine, Nassau County Planning Board Chairman Jeff Greenfield, Suffolk County Planning Commission Chairmen David Calone, Farmingdale Village Mayor Ralph Eckstrand, and Babylon Village Mayor Ralph Scordino.