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# Hochul nominates Kevin Law to chair ESD

Gov. Kathy Hochul has nominated Kevin Law to be chairman of Empire State Development.

Law had been the CEO of the Long Island Association for more than 10 years before stepping down from that post in April. He then joined real estate development firm Tritec as a partner and executive vice president.

Since the ESD chairmanship is a volunteer position, it will allow Law to continue in his role at Tritec.

The governor also nominated Hope Knight as president and CEO of ESD. Since 2015, Knight has served as president and CEO of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation and also serves on the New York City Planning Commission.

"After the devastating impact the pandemic had on New York's economy, we need the best of the best at the helm to lead our recovery," Hochul said in a statement. "With their extensive experience and diverse backgrounds, Hope Knight and Kevin Law are ready to lead New York's economic development in communities and cities across the state and bring our economy back stronger than ever before."

Law, who also formerly served as LIPA's

chairman and CEO, is well versed in advancing economic development projects. He has been the co-chairman of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council for the last 10 years.

Under his watch, the LIA helped secure billions of dollars for the Long Island Rail Road's Third Track project; assisted in the creation of a research corridor from Brookhaven National Lab to the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research; and was a leading proponent for investments in the area's infrastructure and downtowns.

"I am honored to be nominated to chair the state's economic development agency and become the liaison to the business community for Governor Hochul," Law said. "This role will allow me to continue my previous efforts to support important projects on Long Island and to promote economic development throughout the state."

Last month, Patrick Foye informed Hochul that he wouldn't be taking the ESD CEO job, after he was tapped as interim chief by former Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Foye, a Port Washington resident, left the Metropolitan Transportation Authority this summer, where he served for four years as president, chairman and CEO. Cuomo appointed Foye to be the interim



president and CEO of ESD in June, a role he was slated to begin in August.

If Law is confirmed by the State Senate, he will succeed Steve Cohen, who stepped down as ESD chairman in August.

Matt Cohen, who succeeded Law as president and CEO of the LIA, said the governor couldn't have selected a better person to chair ESD.

"As co-chair of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council for the past 10 years and throughout his tenure as president and CEO of the Long Island Association, no one knows New

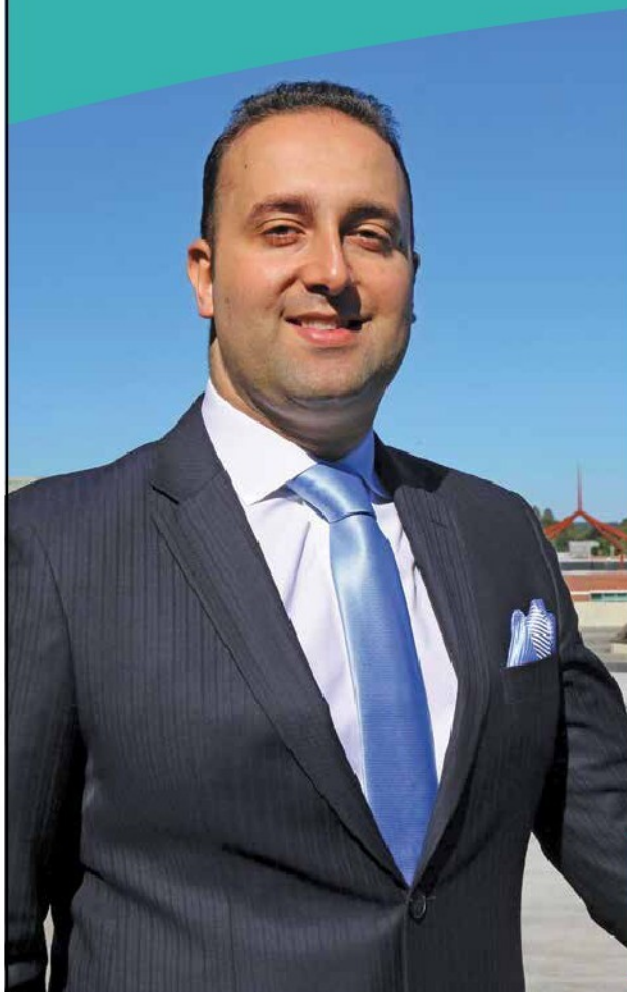
York State's business community and economic issues better than Kevin – this is exciting news for Long Island," Cohen said via email.

Kyle Strober, executive director of the Association for a Better Long Island also said Hochul made "a wise selection" that will benefit the entire state.

"Those who know Kevin Law know that he brings to this position energy, insight, vision, and a commitment to advance the region's economy," Strober said.

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