

Schumer aide to lead ABLI

■ **Kyle Strober, 34**, named to head LI developer group

■ **Long Beach** resident to follow long-serving Ryan

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Kyle Strober, Long Island regional director for Sen. Chuck Schumer, will replace Desmond Ryan as executive director of the Association for a Better Long Island, the real estate developer lobbying group announced yesterday.

Strober, 34, a resident of Long Beach, has worked for Schumer since 2011 after serving as chief of staff for former Nassau County Legis. Dave Denenberg. He will replace Ryan, ABLI's longest serving director, at the



Desmond Ryan, left, and Kyle Strober. Ryan retires as executive director of the Association for a Better Long Island next year.

start of next year, according to an ABLI news release.

"I'm excited to carry the torch that has burned so strongly because of Des Ryan,"



Strober said. Among his goals in the new position, Strober said working to reduce property taxes and energy costs while investing in infrastruc-

ture will be top priorities for ABLI. The incoming director said his predecessor "has left big shoes to fill."

Ryan, 65, of St. James, has served as executive director for 25 years, and will retire from the position at the end of the year. He has worked on issues including redevelopment of the Nassau Coliseum. Previously, he served as aide to former Suffolk County Executive John V.N. Klein and the late Assembly Speaker Perry Duryea.

Ryan said he will continue to do consulting work.

"There was almost a year-long search they went through, a lot of interviews and they decided to go with this young gentleman who I think will do very well," Ryan said of Strober's selection. "He's eminently qualified for the position."