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WX HOSTS BREAKFAST PRESENTATION WITH VICKI BEEN: HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

NEW YORK, NY—December 6th, 2016— New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) is pleased to announce speaker **Vicki Been**, NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, made a special presentation at the organization's monthly breakfast series on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at The Harvard Club**. WX hosts monthly breakfasts that present a range of speakers and topics of interest to the commercial real estate community, and are open to members and their guests.

Fear of Displacement Disrupts Development

During Commissioner Been's presentation, she discussed topics like Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA), and providing housing for the lowest income New Yorkers. While recognizing the difficult questions that these topics bring up, like recognizing diversity within the city and trying to find balance while pursuing multiple goals throughout the city. Overall, Commissioner Been's discussion lead to needing a multi-pronged strategy to address the affordable housing challenge.

About Vicki Been, Commissioner, NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Vicki Been is responsible for leading the nation's largest municipal housing agency and is charged with creating and implementing Mayor Bill de Blasio's *Housing New York Plan*, a bold initiative to create or preserve 200,000 affordable homes and apartments over 10 years. Prior to her appointment as HPD Commissioner, Ms. Been was Director for NYU's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, a nationally renowned academic research center devoted to the public policy aspects of land use, real estate, and housing development. She also served as the Boxer Family Professor of Law at NYU School of Law and Affiliated Professor of Public Policy of the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Been's scholarship at the Furman Center focused on the intersection of land of use, urban policy, and affordable housing, and addressed such issues as how to build more resilient and inclusive communities, how zoning regulations shape development patterns, and the fairness and effectiveness of foreclosure responses such as mortgage modifications. She has done extensive research on the housing affected by Superstorm Sandy, the nexus between development and environmental justice, land use, and housing policy reforms needed to promote racial and economic integration, and on a variety of affordable housing and land use policies, from inclusionary zoning to supportive housing developments.

Co-author of a widely-used land use casebook, *Land Use Controls*, Been has served on the boards of the Center for New York City Neighborhoods and the Municipal Art Society, chairing the program committees of both boards. She also has served on the boards of Pratt Center for Community Economic Development and the Next American City, and was a member of the New York City Council's Workforce Housing Task Force and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Special Subcommittee on Community Benefit Agreements. Been is a 1983 graduate of New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar. She clerked for Judge Edward Weinfeld of the Southern District of New York and Justice Harry Blackmun of the Supreme Court of the United States. She and her husband live in Manhattan and have two children.

About WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate

WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate is an invitation-only association of executive-level women actively engaged in the commercial real estate industry in New York. The mission of WX is to promote the advancement of women in commercial real estate; to enhance public perception about the role of women in the industry; and to promote the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and integrity in the field. Through educational seminars, breakfasts with industry leaders, mentoring programs, scholarships, and special events, WX provides members with a forum for visibility and exchange, spotlights the accomplishments of individual women in the industry, and paves the way for the next generation of women in the field. For more information, please visit www.wxnyre.org.