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***WX HOSTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR GALA HONORING WENDY ROWDEN
WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE AND OVER \$585,000 RAISED***

NEW YORK, NY—November 23, 2016— WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) is pleased to announce that its **2016 Annual Woman of the Year Gala** was held on **Thursday, November 17, 2016** at **The Pierre** in New York City and was a record-setting event with over 550 guests in attendance. This year's gala is the largest to-date and sold out months in advance, raising over **\$585,000**.

MaryAnne Gilmartin of Forest City Ratner introduced this year's Woman of the Year honoree, **Wendy Rowden**, stating that Wendy has been a fearless trailblazer in New York City real estate. MaryAnne and Wendy met 15 years ago at a WX breakfast and have since developed a close professional and personal relationship, the epitome of what WX fosters amongst its members. Wendy Rowden is President of 42nd Street Development Corporation and has been active in the commercial real estate industry for over 30 years.

Proceeds from the sold-out event support the **WX Scholarship and Mentoring Programs**, which provide financial support and educational programming for talented women in their pursuit of careers in real estate and real estate-related professions.

About Wendy Rowden

As President of 42nd Street Development Corporation, Wendy Rowden leads a storied 40-year-old non-profit that funds and champions arts investments that promote neighborhood development. 42SDC owns and operates Theatre Row, a complex of five Off Broadway theaters, and funds Music and the Brain, an innovative music program for grades K-3 in over 100 NYC public schools. Ms. Rowden's mission is to expand the depth and scope of the organization's reach (which is not limited to 42nd Street).

Prior to joining 42 SDC, she led Jonathan Rose Companies' Investments where she was responsible for all aspects of the firm's investment management business. Prior to Jonathan Rose Companies, Ms. Rowden served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of The Rockefeller Group. She is an active member of the Urban Land Institute where she is Global Chair of the Women's Leadership Initiative, a Trustee and a member of the Global Awards Jury.

Ms. Rowden is also an adjunct Professor at Columbia Business School, where she teaches Real Estate Development.

Ms. Rowden was one of the earliest members of WX, serving as President from 1997-1999. She was on the initial board of directors of the WX Charitable Fund. Ms. Rowden is the recipient of numerous industry awards, including Bisnow's "50 Most Powerful Women in Real Estate," United Way's "Women United in Philanthropy Award" and Real Estate Weekly's "Top 100 Women in Real Estate." She holds degrees from Brown University, University of Michigan and New York University.

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.

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