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WX Members and Guests at the WX April Breakfast: Resiliency/Energy Efficiency Panel (from left to right) Berita Welch, Principal, GKV Architects; Veronica Wang, Intern, China Merchants Bank; Christine Chipumbe, Senior Vice President, USLI Insurance Services; Elaine Kienberg, Managing Director, CBRE; Shem Best, Vice President, ANOR Services Group Inc.

WX HOSTS PANEL ON RESILIENCY/ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) hosted a panel discussion on achieving greater energy efficiency in buildings in New York City at The Harvard Club. The well-attended talk featured Helen Chananie, project associate at Building Energy Exchange; Anthony Malkin, chairman and CEO of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.; Dana Robbins Schneider, managing director at Jones Lang LaSalle; and Daniel A. Zarrilli, PE, senior director of Climate Policy & Programs and Chief Resilience Officer in the New York Office of the Mayor. Marjorie Tsang, a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, moderated the informative panel of experts.

During the program, Tsang asked a series of questions about New York City's 80x50 initiative and building owners' successes in retrofitting existing office and multifamily buildings. The panel discussed how city agencies, building owners, and managers are working together to achieve energy efficiency and reduce

greenhouse gas emissions in the City. Making buildings more energy efficient through retrofits and awareness is a paramount goal in the City's effort to reduce 80 percent of emissions by 2050 because building emissions account for 70 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. The panelists emphasized benefits including the positive return on investment, tenant satisfaction, and incentives to support owners that embark on retrofit projects—from class A Manhattan office buildings to Bronx co-ops. Energy saving retrofits integrated into routine or scheduled improvements are the most cost-effective measures.

Many resources, incentives, and skilled professionals are available to assist in energy efficiency initiatives. New legislation and adjustments to existing regulations will still be needed. All panelists agreed that this is not a liberal or conservative issue. There are many challenges, but also opportunities to build coalitions and work collaboratively under "a big tent" to achieve profitability and the broader social goal of reducing climate change risk.

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WX President Suzanne St. Pierre introducing the moderator and panelists at the WX April Breakfast: Resiliency/Energy Efficiency Panel.



WX April Breakfast panelists Dana Robbins Schrieder, LEED AP BD+C, Managing Director, Energy and Sustainability Projects, JLL, Daniel Zamli, PE, Senior Director, Climate Policy and Programs, Chief Resilience Officer, New York City Office of the Mayor, Anthony Makin, Chairman and CEO, Empire Realty Trust, Inc., Helen Chananie, Project Associate, Building Energy Exchange with moderator Marjorie Tsang (middle), Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University of Advanced International Studies



WX April Breakfast attendees listening to the panel on Resiliency/Energy Efficiency



WX member Tiffany Ruffano, Director of Asset Management, Greystone Development with guest Jill Grabel Kirby, Asset Management, Madison Capital and WX Board Member Laura Rapaport, Managing Director, L&L Holdings Company, LLC.



Panelist Helen Chananie with guests Cavory Garrett and Lesley Lisser, Director of Asset Management, Invesco.



WX guest Grace Ma, Real Estate Development, Cornell Real Estate and WX Member Julia Murphy, Project Manager, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.