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**QUEENS COUNTY TOP CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO BE HONORED AT  
QUEENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S  
ANNUAL BUILDING AWARDS GALA**

***Gala to be held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the TWA Hotel at John F. Kennedy Airport***

***Tyler Morse, President & CEO of MCR Development to deliver keynote address  
on the vision behind The TWA Hotel; NYC Department of Buildings Commissioner  
Melanie LaRocca to be Guest of Honor***

***For information about tickets and sponsorship, click [here](#)***

QUEENS, NY, August 28, 2019 -- The **Queens Chamber of Commerce** has announced seventeen outstanding construction projects that will be honored at its 2019 Annual Building Awards Gala on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. More than 300 business, government and community leaders are expected to attend the annual event, which recognizes excellence in the construction and design of building projects in Queens.

This year's Building Awards Gala will be held at the recently opened TWA Hotel at John F. Kennedy International Airport. The hotel, which opened in May of this year, is the culmination of years of work to revive the iconic TWA Flight Center, which opened in 1962 and was designed by renowned architect Eero Saarinen. Tyler Morse, President & CEO of MCR Development, owner & developer of the TWA Hotel, will deliver the gala's keynote speech, on the vision behind the TWA Hotel. New York City Department of Buildings Commissioner Melanie LaRocca will be the evening's Guest of Honor, offering her own remarks.

"By recognizing and encouraging excellence in the design and construction of our built environment, the Queens Chamber of Commerce is helping to ensure a healthy, sustainable and attractive urban landscape that will make Queens an even better place to live, do business

and raise a family,” said Thomas J. Grech, President and CEO, Queens Chamber of Commerce. “We are excited to be holding this year’s event at the TWA Hotel at Eero Saarinen’s 1962 TWA Terminal at JFK Airport, a true architectural marvel.”

For over 90 years, the Queens Chamber has honored the architects, builders, engineers, lenders, interior designers and owners of buildings and building projects that keep Queens vibrant, sustainable and livable. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or would like to learn about sponsorship opportunities, you can find out more on the Queens Chamber of Commerce’s [website](#), or call 718.898.8500, ext. 123 or email Joanne Persad at [jpersad@queenschamber.org](mailto:jpersad@queenschamber.org).

*The 2019 Building Award winners are:*

### **NEW CONSTRUCTION AWARD WINNERS**

#### **Commercial**

LaGuardia Gateway Partners for Eastern Concourse, Terminal B, LaGuardia Airport

#### **Hotels & Motels**

TWA Hotel

Owner – Flight Center Hotel LLC

Architects – Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP and Lubrano Ciavarra Architects

Builder – Turner Construction Company

#### **Mixed Use – Residential/Commercial/Industrial**

Alvista Towers

Owner – 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jamaica LLC

Architect – GF55 Partners

Builder – Artimus Construction

#### **Single & Two Family Residences**

Yu Residence

Owner – Xin Jian Yu / Min Qiu

Architect – Paul W Athineos

Builder – Yan Chun Lin

#### **Health Care Related Facilities**

Northwell Health Laboratories – Little Neck Parkway

Owner – Betty Sarmiento

Architect – Flad Architects

Builder – Antonio Cabrera of Hunter Roberts Construction Group

### **INTERIOR DESIGN AWARD WINNERS**

### **Commercial**

Bohack Square

Owner – Alex Ligas

Architect – Sotir Associates

Builder – Alex Ligas

### **Mixed Use – Residential/Commercial/Industrial**

The Delson

Owner – TSINY 163<sup>rd</sup> Street Housing Development Fund Corporation

Architect – Amie Gross Architects

Builder – Racanelli Construction Co, Inc

### **Single & Two Family Residences**

O’Byrne Residence

Owner – Daniel and Mary O’Byrne

Architect – Kevin Wolfe Architect, PC

Builder – Heirloom Woodworking

## **REHABILITATION, READAPTIVE USE ALTERATION, OR ADDITION AWARD WINNERS**

### **Commercial**

TWA Hotel

Owner – Flight Center Hotel LLC

Architects – Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP and Lubrano Ciavarra Architects

Builder – Turner Construction Company

### **Health Care Related**

St. John’s Episcopal Hospital

Owner – Episcopal Health Services

Architect – Samir Rejeili

Builder – Michael Fennessy

### **Mixed Use – Residential/Commercial/Industrial**

Sussman-Automatic Corporation

Owner – 34<sup>th</sup> Street L.I.C. Realty Co., LLC

Architect – Tom Kundig

Builder – Patrick Muecke

### **Office Building**

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056

Owner – Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1056

Architect – Joshua Zinder, AIA

Builder – Augustino D. D’Alonzo Jr.

### **Schools & Colleges**

Electrical Industry Training Center (EITC)

Owner – Educational and Cultural Trust Fund of the Electrical Industry

Architect – Gensler

Builder – JIBEI

### **Single & Two Family Residences**

Build it Back Housing

Owner – Samnarain Sooperpersaid

Architect – Angelo Costa

Builder – Michael Dubb

### **Industrial**

Alphapointe

Owner – Alphapointe

Architect – Joel Miele, Jr., P.E., / Benjamin Leonardi, R.A.

Builder – Stephen Paolino of JPC Contracting Inc.

### **Landscape Design, Courtyards, Plazas**

O’Byrne Residence

Owner – Daniel and Mary O’Byrne

Architect – Kevin Wolfe Architect, PC

Builder – New Creations Landscapes, Inc.

### **OPEN OR ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACE WINNERS**

#### **Commercial**

TWA Hotel

Owner – Flight Center Hotel LLC

Architects – Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners LLP and Lubrano Ciavarra Architects

Builder – Turner Construction Company

#### **About the Queens Chamber of Commerce:**

The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,100 businesses and more than 100,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members’ interests. [www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org)