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Bronx Chamber of Commerce Hosts 2025 Legislative Breakfast Forum: Elected Officials and Business Leaders Discuss Policy, Progress, and Partnerships



(L-R: NYS Senators, NYS Assembly Members, NYC Council Member panel participants.)

Bronx, NY — On July 10, 2025, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce hosted its highly anticipated *2025 Legislative Breakfast Forum*, bringing together over 200 business owners, community leaders, and elected officials for a morning of robust policy discussions centered on economic development, housing, workforce, and quality of life issues impacting the Bronx.

Held at Maestro's Catering, the Bronx Chamber states that this signature event serves as a cornerstone of the Chamber's public affairs and advocacy agenda, providing a platform for members to engage directly with policymakers and help shape the borough's legislative and business landscape.

"The Bronx Chamber is deeply committed to elevating the voices of our business community in policy discussions that affect their future," said **Lisa Sorin, President of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce**. "We are proud to create space for meaningful dialogue, strategic partnerships, and actionable solutions that uplift our local economy."

This year's forum opened with remarks from **Dynishal Gross, Commissioner of the NYC Department of Small Business Services**, and featured three engaging panel discussions moderated by Bronx Chamber Board Members Taryn Duffy, President & CEO of Tarsam Public Affairs, and Jim Quent, Partner at Statewide Public Affairs.

The New York State Assembly panel featured Assembly Members **Landon Dais, John Zaccaro, Jeffrey Dinowitz, Emerita Torres, and Michael Benedetto**.

The State Senate panel included Senators **Robert Jackson, Luis Sepúlveda, Nathalia Fernandez, and Jamaal Bailey**. Senator **Gustavo J. Rivera** was in attendance but was unable to participate in the panel due to a scheduling conflict.

The New York City Council panel welcomed Council Members **Eric Dinowitz, Kevin Riley, Kristy Marmorato, Pierina Ana Sanchez,** and **Althea Stevens.**

Each panel explored legislative priorities, current challenges, and opportunities for collaborative solutions between government and the private sector. Discussions focused on rent stabilization reform, small business support, public safety, workforce development, infrastructure investment, and equitable economic growth.

The forum concluded with a presentation by Bronx Borough President **Vanessa L. Gibson**, who shared highlights of the billions of dollars in economic development projects that have taken place in the Bronx over the past four years, along with her vision for future growth and investment.

The event was sponsored by Ponce Bank, Phillip Morris International (“PMI”), Amazon, Jacobi Hospital, and Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts. Several Chamber members also showcased their businesses by tabling at the event, including Action Environmental / IWS, Bronx Academy of Promise, Casita Maria, Inc., Small Business Development Center, PMI, and TD Bank.

Attendees were encouraged to stay involved in the Chamber’s ongoing advocacy initiatives, including its *Coffee & Conversation* series and other public policy initiatives hosted year-round, both virtually and in-person. The Chamber emphasized that its ability to include the future of Bronx business grows stronger with every new member and partner that joins its mission.

Event photos (courtesy of Ali Garber Photography) are available [here](#). For more information on Bronx Chamber programs, upcoming events, or to explore membership opportunities, visit www.bronxchamber.org.

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About The Bronx Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1894, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is one of New York City’s most influential business organizations. The Chamber champions economic development, workforce development, and public policy advocacy, representing a diverse membership that includes Fortune 500 corporations, renowned cultural institutions, nonprofits, hospitals, educational institutions, and small businesses. Through a wide range of services, programs, and events, the Chamber works to foster prosperity, attract investment, and create jobs across the Bronx. Visit www.bronxchamber.org to learn more.

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