

New York City Land Development Corporation

Director Biographies

Henry Berger

Special Counsel, Office of Mayor de Blasio

Advisory Committee Co-Chair, Henry is an election law expert who has spent thirty-five years representing numerous political candidates and political committees throughout the world. Among the candidates he has represented are President Bill Clinton, Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator John Kerry, Vice President Al Gore and Mayor David Dinkins. He has also participated in international election matters, acting as counsel to the Election Law Drafting Commission of Gambia and as a member of several pre-election assessment panels in Ghana and Croatia. He has organized Election Day poll monitoring projects throughout New York State, and in 2004 he helped assign New York lawyers to assist in poll monitoring efforts in battleground states across the country. He has a B.S. from Lehigh University and a J.D. from the NYU School of Law.

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Policy Advisor to Alicia Glen, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development

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Senior Policy Advisor to Alicia Glen, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development

Carl currently manages real estate policy for the City of New York and is the liaison to the Department of Parks and Recreation under the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development. Prior to joining the Deputy Mayor's office, Carl managed teams responsible for real estate transactions as well as infrastructure financing at New York City Economic Development Corporation ("NYCEDC"). Prior to NYCEDC, Carl was involved in residential and office acquisitions and development projects in Los Angeles. Earlier in his career, Carl spent three-and-a-half years at Goldman Sachs where he managed institutional relationships between the firm and its various prime brokerage clients. Carl earned his MBA from UCLA, and his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University.

Kim Vaccari

President of New York City Land Development Corporation

Kim is an Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NYCEDC. Prior to joining NYCEDC, Kim served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for the New Jersey Transit Corporation. Before joining New Jersey Transit, she worked as a public finance banker for Banc of America Securities on P3 projects and transportation bond financings and as Director of Finance for the MTA, where she was responsible for all aspects of funding the MTA's capital program funding and debt issuance. Kim holds a bachelor's degree in government finance from Wheaton College.

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