



For Immediate Release:

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

***Gala to be held October 3rd 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](#)*

Jackson Heights, NY, August 29, 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 3rd. 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 to the crowd.

"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 – 94th 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 – Grace Han / Jeff Raasch

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 163rd 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, RE ADAPTIVE 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 – 34th 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)