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Housing champions hail land rezoning proposals

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Dan Martin, president and CEO of the New York City Housing Partnership, welcomed nearly 300 guests to the Housing Partnership's recent Wine & Jazz reception.

James S. Rubin, New York State Commissioner of Homes & Community Renewal, was the event's featured speaker.

The annual NYC Housing Partnership event, which attracts participants in the affordable housing community, including developers, public officials, architects, attorneys and community leaders and affordable housing advocates, was held at the Refinery Hotel Rooftop on West 38th Street in Manhattan.

The Housing Partnership, a not-for-profit organization, serves as New York City's primary intermediary for the development of new and rehabilitated affordable housing on both public and private sites, producing nearly 40,000 units in its 35 year history.

"From its inception the Housing Partnership has collaborated with our public and private partners to create workforce housing in New York City. Our event supports the Housing Partnership's efforts to expand affordable housing opportunities." said Martin. NYS Homes and Community Renewal, headed by Mr. Rubin, is the agency responsible for the implementation of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's \$1 billion "House NY" program, and financing the development of affordable housing statewide.

During the annual event, Rubin, said the de Blasio Administration goal to create affordable homes through rezoning land was "laudable, one way or another."

However, he cautioned, "There's only a finite amount of developable land and every action has another reaction, so it's an extraordinarily complicated field."