MEDIA ADVISORY

Oct. 12, 2021: Waterfront Alliance Salutes the Heroes of the Harbor
Former New York Governor David A. Paterson; Steven Plate, Port Authority Chief of Major Capital Projects; and Royal Norwegian Consulate General in New York to be honored

WHAT
Hosted each year by the Waterfront Alliance, the Heroes of the Harbor gala honors individuals and organizations whose extraordinary work has helped the metropolitan region’s waterfronts and waterways to be more resilient and more equitable; places of thriving commerce and, at the same time, safe recreation. This year’s event will be held for the first time at One World Observatory, a stunning space 102 stories high that looks out over New York Harbor and beyond.

WHEN
Tuesday, October 12, 6pm to 9pm

WHERE
ASPIRE at One World Observatory (One World Trade Center, 117 West Street)

WHO
2021 Heroes of the Harbor

• Former New York Governor David A. Paterson
• Steven Plate, Chief of Major Capital Projects, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
• Royal Norwegian Consulate General in New York, accepted by Consul General Heidi Olufsen

Hundreds of waterfront stakeholders from the worlds of government, activism, business, philanthropy, and the media will attend the gala, including:

• Frank Agosta, President, International Longshoreman’s Association Local 1814
• Saad Amer, Cofounder, Plus1Vote
• Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
• Rick Cotton, Executive Director, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
• Jessica DuLong, Author, Saved at the Seawall
• Doreen Harris, President and CEO, NYSERDA
• New York Governor Kathy Hochul (by video)
• **Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson**, Cofounder, Urban Ocean Lab think tank; Co-creator, How to Save a Planet podcast
• **Colonel Matthew Luzzatto**, New York District Commander and District Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers
• **Captain Zeita Merchant**, New York Sector Commander, United States Coast Guard
• **Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)**
• **John Nardi**, President, New York Shipping Association
• **Chuck Nice**, Comedian
• **Donovan Richards**, Queens Borough President
• **Julie Tighe**, President, New York League of Conservation Voters

**Notes for the media**
To arrange interviews or photo ops with Heroes of the Harbor attendees, please contact Aria Cochran.

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The Waterfront Alliance inspires and effects resilient, revitalized, and accessible coastlines for all communities.