Recognizing
Richard Ravitch

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Regional Plan Association (RPA) is an independent regional planning organization that improves the quality of life and the economic competitiveness of the 31-county, New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region through research, planning, and advocacy. Since 1922, RPA has been shaping transportation systems, protecting open spaces, and promoting better community design for the region’s continued growth. We anticipate the challenges the region will face in the years to come, and we mobilize the region’s civic, business, and government sectors to take action.

RPA’s current work is aimed largely at implementing the ideas put forth in the Third Regional Plan, with efforts focused in five project areas: community design, open space, transportation, workforce and the economy, and housing. For more information about Regional Plan Association, please visit our website, www.rpa.org.

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Regional Plan Association is proud to present Richard Ravitch with the 2009 Lifetime Leadership Award

For his extraordinary role in revitalizing the region’s infrastructure as Chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the 1980s; as a business leader, philanthropist and champion of regional planning; and most recently as the Chairman of the special Commission on Metropolitan Transportation Authority Financing appointed by New York State Governor David Paterson.
WHEREAS, Richard Ravitch served as a member of Regional Plan Association’s “Committee on the Second Regional Plan” in 1968;

WHEREAS, from 1960 to 1977, he was Chairperson of HRH Construction, which created over 45,000 units of affordable housing in New York City and other urban areas;

WHEREAS, Governor Hugh Carey appointed him Chairman of the New York State Urban Development Corporation in 1975, where he acted as an intermediary between New York City and the federal government and helped create the Municipal Assistance Corporation;

WHEREAS, he was appointed Chairman of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 1979, where he restructured the entire organization, developed the first long range and capital plans, and is credited with having saved New York’s mass transit system;

WHEREAS, he joined the Regional Plan Association Board of Directors in 1987;

WHEREAS, in 1990 he served as Chairman of RPA’s “Council for the Region Tomorrow,” which began research and analysis for RPA’s Third Regional Plan, A Region at Risk;

WHEREAS, he served as Co-Chair to the Congressionally-chartered Millennial Housing Commission in 1999, with a mandate to examine the federal government’s role in meeting the nation’s affordable housing challenges;

WHEREAS, in 2008 Governor David Paterson appointed him Chairman of the Commission on Metropolitan transportation Authority Financing, and asked him to find a way to rescue the MTA from financial crisis;

THEREFORE, let it now be affirmed that the Regional Plan Association Board of Directors does hereby congratulate Richard Ravitch for his many years of public service, thank him for his leadership and vision, and honor him for an unparalleled record of dedication to the citizens of the New York metropolitan region.

Adopted March 26th, 2009

Peter W. Herman, Chairman

Robert D. Yaro, President

Thomas K. Wright, Secretary
Richard Ravitch

Since 1996 Mr. Ravitch has served as a Principal of Ravitch Rice & Company LLC, and Chairman of Waterside Management Company. Mr. Ravitch, a long-time Board member of Regional Plan Association, is currently the Chairman of both the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust’s Board of Trustees, and the AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust’s Advisory Board. Mr. Ravitch’s other professional activities currently include service as Trustee of the Century Foundation, Trustee of Mount Sinai Medical Center, and he sits on the Board of Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. and Alphatec Spine Inc. From 1960 to 1977 Mr. Ravitch was the chairperson of the HRH Construction Corporation, which created over 45,000 units of affordable housing in New York City and other urban areas. During his professional career Mr. Ravitch has served as the Chairman of the New York State Urban Development Corporation, Chairman and CEO of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Chairman and CEO of Bowery Savings Bank, a Director of the American Stock Exchange. Mr. Ravitch is a graduate of Columbia College, Phi Beta Kappa Magna cum laude and has an LLB from Yale University School of Law. Mr. Ravitch is admitted to practice law in the State of New York. Mr. Ravitch recently chaired a commission that recommended how the public transportation system in the New York region should be financed.
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RAVITCH LEAVING
M.T.A. TO RETURN
TO PRIVATE SECTOR
SEEKS ‘MORE NORMAL LIFE’

Chairman Tells of Long Hours
and Pressure on Family —
Officials Are Surprised

By ARIL L. GOLDMAN

Richard Ravitch, the chairman of
the Metropolitan Transportation
Authority for the last four years, an-
nounced yesterday that he would step
down from the job to return to private
business and "resume a more normal
life."
April 17, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am honored to once again join the many members, affiliates and supporters of Regional Plan Association who have gathered for its 19th Annual Regional Assembly, titled, “America 2050: Building the Next Economy.”

Much has changed in our great Nation since last I addressed RPA one year ago. Americans have a new President who, as he embraces the mantel of our Nation’s highest political office, must face the most difficult economic recession since the Great Depression – a recession which greatly impacts New York and all 50 States. While leaders in New York State and the greater Northeast work diligently to provide immediate reprieve to struggling citizens, we also recognize the need to lay the foundation for a bright, prosperous and sustainable future.

To achieve this grander goal, we must focus considerable attention on our infrastructural needs. From education to energy and transportation, from water to waste streams, we need to rethink old modes of operation to adopt a more fiscally and environmentally responsible approach. I am confident that through open dialog, collaboration and public/private partnership – as forged at events like today’s Regional Assembly – our respective states and America in general will not only weather the current economic crisis, but emerge from it stronger, better prepared and with a renewed sense of promise for the future.

I join with everyone gathered in honoring Richard Ravitch, recipient of the Regional Plan Association Lifetime Leadership Award, whose extraordinary knowledge and vision have been instrumental over the years in helping us navigate extreme fiscal crises. I have had the great privilege of working with him over the past year, and his service to our City and State has been truly nonpareil. This richly-deserved recognition speaks to the great esteem in which he is held as well as the enormous, enduring impact of his contributions to our Metropolitan region and our future. I am proud to represent all New Yorkers at the 2009 Regional Assembly, and I applaud Regional Plan Association and its Board of Directors for making this event possible. Without question, I anticipate a highly productive, worth-while experience.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

David A. Paterson

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April 17, 2009

Thomas K. Wright
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Wright:

It is my great pleasure to extend greetings and congratulations to the leaders and friends of the Regional Plan Association (RPA) as you join together today for this important and informative “America 2050: Building the Next Economy” conference. The innovative workshops and distinguished panelists who are participating in these discussions will certainly give all of us a look into the future economic needs, challenges and hopes of New York City, New York State and our nation as a whole. I am deeply appreciative of all of your efforts in making this conference a reality.

I am also deeply honored to join with all of you today in recognizing Richard Ravitch, the recipient of the 2009 Lifetime Leadership Award. From his work in creating affordable housing, to his leadership of the New York State Urban Development Corporation and Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Mr. Ravitch has made an extraordinary positive difference in the lives of countless people. His long and distinguished careers in both business and public service, and his exceptional commitment to changing the world for the better, make him a most fitting choice to receive this very important award. I am delighted to congratulate Mr. Ravitch on this great honor.

In closing, please accept my very best wishes for a highly successful and productive “America 2050: Building the Next Economy” conference. I look forward to working with all of you to revitalize our local, state and national economy in the days, months and years to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Malcolm A. Smith
Senate Majority
Dear Friends:

Please accept my sincerest best wishes as you gather for the Regional Plan Association’s 19th Annual Regional Assembly – “America 2050: Building the Next Economy.”

As the Regional Plan Association begins its annual gathering with the goal of building consensus and workable solutions to repair our struggling economy and infrastructure, the Association knows it has been here before and is ready to embark on meeting our latest challenges.

In 1929, the RPA’s "Regional Plan for New York and its Environs" helped guide the region through infrastructure investment in the wake of the Great Depression. Eighty years later, the RPA’s Regional Assembly will confront similar challenges as we work to invest in our infrastructure, invest in our future, and rebuild our economy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Richard Ravitch as he receives the RPA’s Lifetime Leadership Award. Mr. Ravitch is being recognized for his extraordinary role as Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority in revitalizing the region’s infrastructure during the 1980s; as a business leader, philanthropist and champion of regional planning; and most recently, as the Chairman of the special Commission on Metropolitan Transportation Authority Financing. His decades of leadership, dedication and vision have earned him this distinguished honor.

Again, congratulations to the Regional Plan Association and to Richard Ravitch upon receiving the Lifetime Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

SHELDON SILVER
Speaker
I first met Dick Ravitch in 1943, when we were 10 years old in fourth grade together, some 66 years ago. We were great pals then, and often again thru the ensuing years. It is with love and admiration I welcome him back into the fold of RPA, where we honor him today for his brilliant efforts to lead our City and State back to fiscal health and prosperity.

Congratulations, Dick. Excelsior!!!

xxx Richard

Richard D. Kaplan, Architect
Senior Trustee, The J.M. Kaplan Fund, Inc.
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To Dick Ravitch, in Recognition of Many Years of Outstanding Civic Service and in Friendship,

Barbara J. Fife

To Richard Ravitch

For his leadership which has had a profound impact on RPA and on our success in achieving our mission. For his wealth of experience, a passion for doing the “right thing,” and an indefatigable energy level. And personally, I have learned a lot from Dick which has made me a more effective RPA Board member.

Matthew S. Kissner
Treasurer, Regional Plan Association
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We salute Richard for his long career as a tireless advocate for New York.
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Richard Ravitch

You’ve made a difference.
We proudly support the Regional Plan Association's 19th Regional Assembly and congratulate the 2009 Lifetime Leadership award recipient, Richard Ravitch.
Congratulations!

Richard Ravitch

Lifetime Leadership Award

Parsons Brinckerhoff salutes Richard Ravitch for his lifetime of leadership in building the transportation infrastructure that makes New York run.

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Pitney Bowes congratulates Richard Ravitch, a visionary leader for New York and the region.
Congratulations Dick Ravitch

Thank you for your years of service to New York City and the region.
My colleagues and I congratulate Richard Ravitch for his lifetime of service in the public interest.
Moody’s salutes the efforts of the Regional Plan Association and honors Richard Ravitch — business leader, philanthropist and champion of regional planning for the city of New York.
Congratulations to Richard Ravitch and RPA!

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