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## **APRIL 2004 LUNCHEON**



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***“Our Office is Your Office”*** --- Stating that “we all recognize building managers as the “first line of defense” and thanking the building industry “for protecting our lives,” New York City Council Member Allan Gerson, whose District #1 constituency includes Ground Zero, called on BOMA/NY members to help form policy in three key areas at the Association’s recent April luncheon. Those areas included: disaster preparation and emergency planning; environmental policy and green buildings; and mixed use development, particularly in congested areas.

The Councilman called on the more than 300 attending the event to help him put New York in the lead for alternative energy and green roof projects for both new construction and retrofits, and asked for input on such areas as emergency training and ensuring an adequate supply of back-up power. Reaffirming that his office had an open door policy and was looking for input, Gerson asked that those interested in working with him contact his office at 212-788-7722 or via e-mail, [Gerson@council.nyc.ny.us](mailto:Gerson@council.nyc.ny.us).

Pictured here with Gerson are: (L-R) BOMA/NY's Program Chair Gail Duke, CPM; Gerson; BOMA/NY Secretary Angelo J. Grima and BOMA/NY President Betsy Jacobs.

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