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**LINDA ARMYN APPOINTED CO-CHAIR,  
LONG ISLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Bethpage, New York – May 4, 2022** – The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council (LIREDC) announced its appointment of Linda Armyrn, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, as its new Business Co-Chair. Linda succeeds Kevin Law, Executive Vice President of Tritec Real Estate and Empire State Development Board Chairman Designee. The announcement was made this week. Linda joins Dr. John S. Nader, President of Farmingdale State College, as the LIREDC’s Academic Co-Chair.

Since 2011, the LIREDC has secured more than \$770 million to support over 950 projects across Long Island.

**ESD Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate Hope Knight said,** "The Regional Economic Development Councils engage community stakeholders in the economic development process to support the State's efforts to create jobs and catalyze new regional investments. I congratulate Dr. John Nader and Linda Armyrn on their appointments as the new Long Island Co-Chairs."

**LIREDC Co-Chair and Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Bethpage Federal Credit Union Linda Armyrn said,** "I look forward to building upon the work of my predecessor, Kevin Law, and working with my Co-Chair Dr. John S. Nader and all those involved with the LIREDC to continue the Council’s transformative work. In my new role, and having already had the honor of working with the LIREDC, I’ve seen first-hand how our regional private-public sector collaboration, along with academia and labor, can help to grow manufacturing and innovation across Long Island’s multiple industry sectors, from tech to life sciences to clean industry and defense. I look forward to continuing that collaboration to grow the economy here on Long Island and across New York State."

**Former LIREDC Co-Chair and ESD Board Chairman Designee Kevin Law said,** "It's been my privilege to work alongside a terrific team on the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council. Together, we've supported inclusive economic growth that benefits all Long Islanders. I'm confident the LIREDC is in great hands and I look forward to supporting the Council's efforts in my new role with ESD. Dr. John Nader and Linda Armyn are experienced, skilled visionaries, uniquely qualified to lead the Council and supercharge our momentum to bring Long Island to the next level. Long Islanders will be well served by their insight, integrity and consensus-driven approach, which will be essential as the LIREDC leads important new initiatives, including advancing local workforce development programs and advancing transformative projects for the Long Island Investment Fund."

Linda Armyn has been a member of the LIREDC since 2016 and has served as a member of the LIREDC's Executive Committee, Co-Chair of Child Care Committee, and a member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Mrs. Armyn is Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Bethpage FCU, where she began her tenure in 2001. With a focus on collaboration and innovation, Mrs. Armyn spearheads Bethpage Cares, a Bethpage FCU philanthropic effort that invests more than \$2 million in communities of modest means annually. She also developed the Bethpage FCU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which has seen Bethpage volunteers prepare more than \$24 million in returns for low income Long Islanders since 2003.

Mrs. Armyn is active within her industry as a member of legislative and advisory committees for the Credit Union National Association, NY Credit Union Association and the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Locally, she serves as a board member for YMCA LI, Cradle of Aviation, Mentor NY, Child Care Council of Suffolk, and is a member of the NY State Parks Commission on Long Island as well as a member of Stony Brook University Presidents Council. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, and earned an MS in Corporate Communications from Northeastern University.

The Regional Economic Development Council initiative (REDC) is a key component of New York State's transformative approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, the 10 Regional Councils developed long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. The Regional Councils have redefined the way New York invests in jobs and economic growth by putting in place a community-based, bottom up approach and establishing a competitive process for State resources.

Since the establishment of the REDCs in 2011 until the most recent round in 2021, which is still in-progress, over \$7.5 billion dollars was awarded to more than 9,100 economic and community development projects consistent with each region's strategic plans. For more information on the Regional Councils, visit [www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov](http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov).

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