

## Baltimore Chapter

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### ***Bill Struever Reflects on Realities of Real Estate Development in This Economy***

From his early start rehabbing one house at a time in the Federal Hill neighborhood, Carl William “Bill” Struever, President of Struever Brothers Eccles & Rouse (SBER) has been a leader in redefining the urban landscape in Baltimore and other cities in seven states on the East Coast. The company’s hallmark is the conversion of obsolete and often historic buildings in disinvested neighborhoods into mixed-use properties (e.g., Tide Point and American Brewery in Baltimore, and the American Tobacco Company in downtown Durham, North Carolina).

When Bill talked about these signature properties and how they helped resurrect the cities’ industrial heritage, by catalyzing the revitalization of distressed neighborhoods, it inspired the members and guests at the 2010 Kick-off program lunch on January 20th. The 2001 LAI Gerald Hines Humanitarian Award Winner, Struever shared how the recession has impacted SBER and how he is learning humility. He is a fervent believer that working in cities is at the heart of where action is needed--on public education, health, poverty, and race.

As a former Board member of the American Diabetes Association, he is a strong proponent of a healthy urban life style, understanding that mixed-use transit oriented projects are the sweet spot of real estate in the future. He credits his mentor, Jim Rouse on teaching him how for-profit entities can prosper by dealing with the hard issues of American cities economically and socially.

### ***Ackneil Muldrow Chairs Governor’s Task Force on Small Business***

Ackneil “Neil” Muldrow, CEO of Parker Muldrow and Associates and LAI’s Vice-President of the Eastern Region and former President of LAI-Baltimore Chapter chairs the Small Business Task Force. The Task Force was charged with presenting Governor Martin O’Malley with recommendations to strengthen and support Maryland’s small businesses and create jobs.

On December 9, 2009, Governor O’Malley joined the members to formally accept their recommendations. The Task Force, which is made up of small business owners, legislators and leaders of several State and local agencies presented a report on the key issues impacting small businesses and a list of strategic recommendations on expanding access to capital, procurement, regulatory reform, sustainability and workforce.

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