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AOBA Recognizes DC Officials for Leadership During 2009

At a recent Leadership Awards program in Washington, DC, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) honored a number of public servants for their leadership and commitment to the business community during 2009.

The following District of Columbia elected officials were among public servants recognized at the real estate industry program:

The Honorable David A. Catania (I-At Large) and **Jack Evans** (D-Ward 2) were recognized for their continued efforts to advocate for legislative measures that balance the needs of businesses and residents, recognizing that both are important to the city's well-being.

As Chair of the Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue, Councilmember Evans has been an unflagging voice of fiscal responsibility, and has worked tirelessly to secure approval of major tax reform initiatives. And as Chair of the Council's Committee on Health, Councilmember Catania has championed health care services reform for DC citizens and continues to serve as a forceful voice of reason on rental housing issues.

City Administrator Neil Albert, who previously served as the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, was honored for continuing to focus special attention on improving the operation of agencies whose functions critically affect AOBA members, such as the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Jerry Johnson was recognized for working effectively with AOBA members during his tenure as general manager of the DC Water and Sewer Authority. He helped build the agency into a functional, effective organization and went the extra mile to communicate information with AOBA members about new fees and regulations.

At the Leadership Awards event, AOBA President John Ritz, who serves as President of William C. Smith & Co., Inc., noted that "we look forward to maintaining this positive, working relationship as Johnson assumes his new role as General Manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission." ##

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