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Darren Bloch is the Executive Vice President of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs at Empire State Development. He has nearly 15 years of experience working within New York state and local government.

Since 2007 Darren has been a part of ESD's leadership team. In his current role he is responsible for providing overall strategy and direction for agency activities including programming, subsidiaries, and major real estate projects. He is directly responsible for managing several agency departments including: Intergovernmental Affairs, Public Affairs, Policy & Research, Strategic Planning and the Economic Empowerment Division.

In addition, he oversees ESD's relationships with various state-wide economic development stakeholders including local and regional business advocacy groups, key state and local elected officials, and individual company and industry representatives.

Prior to joining Empire State Development, he served in numerous roles including: Deputy Public Advocate in charge of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs under Betsy Gotbaum and Manager of City Government Relations at Consolidated Edison Co.

Darren also served as Chief of Staff for Judy Jacobs of the Nassau County Legislature, Executive Director for the Nassau Democratic County Committee and Legislative Financial Analyst & Intergovernmental Liaison for the NYC Council.

He earned a J.D. cum laude from New York Law School and graduated from Middlebury College with a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy.