

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Company: ULI Washington
Press Contact: Heather Hrycyshyn
Email: Heather.Hrycyshyn@uli.org
Phone: (202) 672-1866

Transformational Real Estate Leaders and Projects from Metropolitan Washington Region Honored by ULI Washington

Honorees Include Monty Hoffman (Hoffman & Associates); Carmen Romero (APAH); Rhea Vaflor (Hickok Cole); Gwen Wright (former Montgomery County)

Washington (May 7, 2024) – In recognition of outstanding leadership in the Metropolitan Washington Region's land use industry, ULI Washington celebrated four visionary leaders and seven exceptional real estate projects at an event that drew over 380 influential figures from the real estate sector.

Anthony Chang of Silverline Equities, who serves as ULI Washington's Chair said, "We are delighted to honor four transformational leaders who have made unparalleled impact in our community through their grit, ideas, mission, and service. We also celebrate several projects from the region that demonstrate excellence in solving land use challenges related to housing, sustainability, and mixed-use development, among others."

Deborah Kerson Bilek, ULI Washington's Executive Director, added, "We are at an inflection point in our region. Tonight is an opportunity to celebrate how the real estate industry shapes the way we work and live, creates great places, and builds communities. The people and projects we honor culminate in a sum that is far greater than its individual parts."

ULI WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP HONOREES:

- **Monty Hoffman**, Founder & Chairman, Hoffman & Associates
- **Rhea Vaflor**, Associate Principal & Lifestyle Director, Hickok Cole
- **Carmen Romero**, President & CEO, APAH
- **Gwen Wright**, Former Planning Director, Montgomery County Planning Department

ULI WASHINGTON PROJECT AWARDS:

- **20 Massachusetts Ave NW** – Excellence in Mixed Use
- **District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Raymond Elementary School** – Excellence in Institutional
- **Amazon HQ2 at Metropolitan Park** – Excellence in Sustainability
- **The Remy Phase 2** – Excellence in Housing
- **Lake Anne House** – Excellence in Affordable Housing
- **Metro Building at Eisenhower** – Excellence in Office
- **Capital One Center** – Jurors' Choice Award for Regional Impact

ULI Washington’s Awards for Excellence Program is an annual event that honors innovation and collaboration across the real estate industry by celebrating both people and projects that shape the places where we live, work, and play. The Awards for Excellence Program also serves as a fundraiser for this member- and mission-driven nonprofit organization. ULI’s mission is to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact worldwide. All project award finalists were required to reach substantial completion between August 2022 and November 2023 as a qualification for consideration. Leadership honorees were nominated in a third-party process. Selections for both project and leadership awards were made by two independent juries comprised of ULI Washington member leaders.

For more information on the Leadership Awards – including detailed information on each award category, visit: <https://washington.uli.org/2024-awards-for-excellence-recap/>.

About ULI Washington

[ULI Washington](https://washington.uli.org) is a district council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a nonprofit education and research organization supported by its 2,000 members. ULI’s mission is to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact. ULI Washington carries out the ULI mission locally by sharing best practices, building consensus, and advancing solutions through educational programs and community outreach initiatives. For more information, visit www.washington.uli.org, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

About the Urban Land Institute

The [Urban Land Institute](https://www.uli.org) is a non-profit education and research institute supported by its members. Its mission is to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide. Established in 1936, the institute has more than 48,000 members worldwide representing all aspects of land use and development disciplines. For more information on ULI, please visit [uli.org](https://www.uli.org), or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

###