

Thursday, February 19, 2026

6:30 PM EST
30 MINS

Doors Open & Reception Begins

7:00 PM EST
5 MINS

Welcoming Remarks by Emcee



José Bayona
Founder & CEO, Grassroots Strategies
& Grassroots Media
City & State Advisory Board Member

7:05 PM EST
5 MINS

Sponsor Remarks



Beth Finkel
State Director
AARP New York

7:10 PM EST
5 MINS

Introduction to Lifetime Achievement Awardee Rick
Cotton

7:15 PM EST
5 MINS

Lifetime Achievement Awardee Remarks



Rick Cotton
Outgoing Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New
Jersey

7:20 PM EST
5 MINS

Introduction to ICON Awardee Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

7:25 PM EST
5 MINS

ICON Awardee Remarks



Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn
Assemblymember, Assembly Majority
Whip, Chair of the Subcommittee on
Oversight of MWBEs
New York State Assembly

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Introduction to ICON Awardee Mitchell Katz

7:35 PM EST
5 MINS

ICON Awardee Remarks



Mitchell Katz
President and Chief Executive Officer
NYC Health + Hospitals

7:40 PM EST

Presentation of the Fifty Over 50 Awards

8:30 PM EST

Event Concludes