



Gary LaBarbera

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Since 2009, Gary LaBarbera has served as president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York, an organization comprising local affiliates of 15 national and international unions representing 100,000 working men and women in New York City. In addition to his work with the public sector, he has helped bring approximately \$25 billion of private work under project labor agreements in New York City, creating thousands of union construction jobs in the process. Prior to his tenure as president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York, Gary served organized labor in several other capacities, including as president of the New York City Central Labor Council, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 16 and president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 282. Having been actively involved in the Teamsters since the early 1980s, he was one of the first members of Local 282 to graduate from the Labor Studies Program at Cornell University's School of Industrial Labor Relations in 1994. Gary is the founder and chairman of the board of the New York City chapter of Helmets to Hardhats, an organization that has placed over 500 veterans in careers in the construction industry across the five boroughs since 2013. He is also the president and chief executive officer of the Edward J. Malloy Initiative for Construction Skills, which has placed more than 1,600 high school students from underserved areas throughout New York City into apprentice programs. Gary is currently a vice president of the New York City Central Labor Council, a vice president of the New York State AFL-CIO and a vice chairman of the New York Building Congress. He serves on the New York City Regional Economic Development Council and the Exploited Worker Task Force as an appointee of Governor Andrew Cuomo.