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Mangano creates economic recovery task force

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A week after Hurricane Sandy tore through the region, <u>Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano</u> has announced the creation of a new task force dedicated to restoring the county's economy to pre-disaster levels.

The task force, comprised of leaders in business, health care, banking, retail, technology, infrastructure and education, will focus on providing information and guidance to local elected officials as they develop executive orders to aid and protect small business owners.

"One cannot assume that without prompt and effective post storm policies implemented by government that the business climate will be returned to normal in Nassau County and across Long Island," said Richard Daly, CEO of <u>Broadridge Financial Solutions</u>, who will lead the group as its chairman. "From our perspective, the real crisis has just begun."

Other task force members include Michael Dowling, president and chief executive office of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System; Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz; Long Island Association President Kevin Law; Association for a Better Long Island President Jan Burman; Henry Schein chairman and CEO Stanley Bergman; Jerry Kremer, founder and chairman of Empire Government Strategies; Long Island Business News Publisher John Kominicki; Linda Armyn, vice president for corporate development at Bethpage Federal Credit Union; Bob Gleason, New York regional vice president for Stop & Shop Supermarkets; and Marc Herbst, executive director of the Long Island Contractors' Association.

Hempstead Town Councilman Edward Ambrosino, of counsel to the Uniondale-based law firm Ruskin Moscou Faltischek has been appointed counsel to the group.

Mangano said he expects the task force to receive assistance from <u>Empire State Development</u> and the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council.

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