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Akerman Partner Steven Sinacori Quoted in *The Real Deal* Article

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Real Estate partner [Steven Sinacori](#) in New York was quoted in an article for *The Real Deal*. Mayor Eric Adams will soon tap a new chair for the city’s Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) in one of his final real estate–related appointments since taking office in January. The BSA considers applications for zoning variances and other forms of relief from the zoning code, as well as appeals of decisions by the Department of Buildings and other agencies. Critics have pointed to the Board’s high approval rate for applications, seeing it as a rubber stamp for developers seeking to bypass city zoning rules. Industry professionals have countered that many developers abandon proposals after initial meetings with the board make it clear that their projects will be disallowed. Sinacori, however, is hopeful for the Board’s future.

“This administration has stepped forward and said that the city is dysfunctional, and they want to move things forward,” said Sinacori. “I believe going forward, this administration will use [the board] effectively.”

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