



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Parker Brings Hundreds Of Solar Energy Enthusiasts Together For Intersolar Summit USA East 2017

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**BROOKLYN, NY (3-24-17)** – For the third year, State Senator Kevin Parker hosted energy experts from across the nation at the Intersolar Summit USA East 2017. The event, which took place at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, attracted more than 400 people who discussed and explored ways to continue educating and executing a clear strategy to reach clean and renewable energy solutions to meet consumer needs. Senator Parker, the Ranking Democratic Member on the Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications,

delivered the keynote address to kickoff the daylong event.

“The green collar economy is crucial not only because it helps to protect our environment, but just as important is its potential to produce living wage jobs with benefits in communities of color across New York State,” said State Senator Kevin Parker. “I am proud to partner with Intersolar and facilitate a meaningful conversation about real solutions and effective ways to ensure we are bringing about a solar energy future”, concluded the Brooklyn the lawmaker.

"For the past three years, State Senator Kevin Parker has been an appreciated partner to Intersolar Summit USA East. As the Ranking Democratic Member on the Senate Energy and Telecommunications committee, Kevin has been a strong proponent of solar energy across New York State and the nation. We are proud to have his support and look forward to a continued partnership," said Florian Wessendorf, Managing Director, Solar Promotion International GmbH.

Sustainable CUNY participated in the event for the second year in a row. They shared their great content around solar storage, their unique solar map of New York City neighborhoods, and discussed their vision for long-term infrastructure solutions for cities. Tria Case, University Director of Sustainability for CUNY stated: “As we continue to work towards resiliency and sustainability of New York City and State infrastructure, it is always great to partner with New York State and companies like Intersolar Global who share a similar vision for renewable energy, energy efficiency practices, innovations in clean technology and economic development. We look forward to being part of this summit again, and welcome its continued growth in the coming years.”

Other speakers and partners at Intersolar USA East included Richard Kauffman, Chairman, Energy & Finance, State of New York; David Sandbank, Director, NY-Sun; the New York State

Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); Bernadette Del Chiarom Executive Director, CALSEIA; Doug Staker, Vice President of Global Sales, Demand Energy; Jigar Shah, President and Co-Founder, Generate Capital; Florian Wessendorf, Managing Director, Intersolar; Markus Hoehner, CEO, EuPD Research, and many others all shared their insights into the future of the solar industry.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker, a lifelong Brooklyn resident, is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 residents in the Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope sections of Brooklyn. He is the Ranking Democratic Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He serves on the Senate Committees on Banks, Higher Education, Rules, Insurance, Finance, and Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation. Senator Parker is the Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs for the Senate Democratic Conference, Member of the Senate Policy Group, and Senate Democratic MWBE Task Force

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