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RUSH TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO JOINS ALPHABET CHAIRMAN ERIC SCHMIDT TO MARK NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH FOR GOOGLE, NYC'S LARGEST TECH COMPANY

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Eric, I want to thank you. I first want to say on a personal note, when we first got to know each other shortly after I became Mayor I had such a deep appreciation for the way you think about not only the work you do as a business leader, but the way you think about the whole community that you're in. And it's a very – from my point of view, a deeper, more fulsome version of corporate responsibility. It is a leadership approach. I remember, one of the first things we talked about was pre-K, and how you connected it to everything you're trying to achieve here in New York and beyond. So, I have been so struck by your leadership, by Google's leadership – everything you achieved in the firm, but I think you have exemplified something I found in the broader tech community; a kind of social conscious that I would argue is deep-seated. That is about where is our whole society going and how can a company be a positive element of improving everything from education to civic participation to the ability of citizens to know what's happening, and to feel that they are more able to fully take advantage of everything their society has to offer. And I just want to thank you for that because I think you set that [inaudible]. I could [inaudible] about what you have achieved for this business, but I rather [inaudible] about what you have achieved for the larger society and I thank you for it.

I want to thank, also – you can complement Alicia Glen all day long. I do it as well. I want to thank our Deputy Mayor for exceptional work in making things happen with this project and so many others. I want to thank Jessie Singleton, our Chief Digital Officer who has done so much to deepen our working relationship with the tech community. And I want to thank your own, William Floyd.

[Applause]

I'm going to call him indispensable because he is known and respected throughout all of the public sector of New York City, and someone who really is –

Unknown: Is everywhere.

Mayor: – he is everywhere.

[Laughter]

We believe he's actually a hologram.

[Laughter]

Just thought I should alert you maybe some people did a side project they didn't tell you about. And Dan Doctoroff thank you as I have often said publicly – thank you for all you did to make this city better and we're thrilled you're a part of this today.

So, Google in New York City I think we can safely say is one of the great success stories in recent years in New York City. And you talked about when you started with just a handful of folks. I think there are plenty of folks – when you took on that huge building you said, “Well, maybe that's it.” But look at what's happening now – a real campus. And I would say in the best sense there's much more beyond that. This is so exciting for the City. And I want to break it down to the most fundamental element – when we think about the work of government it's to create a city for everyone. And that means creating opportunity, and we've talked a lot in this city about the fact that some opportunities are available that don't really uplift people. It doesn't mean we don't appreciate every single job, but we particularly appreciate the jobs and the careers that allow people to live a full life. And that is what is happening with this company and with the sector more broadly. As you expand, our young people in this city – and people of all ages – are getting the kinds of opportunities that actually restore a meaningful middle class. I want to put it again in public sector terms, this is how we restore the middle class we once knew: through companies that have consistently good paying jobs with great benefits and great career paths ahead.

Did I mention free food?

[Laughter]

Which I am continually struck by and impressed by. So, there's so much this says about where the future of New York City is going as a place of opportunity for many, many more people.

Look, broader technology community here, these figures – I'm about to offer some good news. It may not make the front pages, I'm sorry to say, but I want to keep repeating it over and over again – 300,000-plus jobs now as a result of the tech-ecosystem; and the wages being paid – over \$30 billion a year in this city. I know New Yorkers are – we do everything big, but that's a number that even would impress New Yorkers, \$30 billion in wages in this tech community and much more growth to be had.

So, that's exciting. What you're going to be doing here on Pier 57 is a great example that, yes, government and business can put their heads together and get it right, and get something done. And here's something that was going to waste, that's now going to be one of the most vibrant parts of our economy with tremendous public amenities as well.

So, we're very, very excited about what that means, and it's the kind of thing I think people also will see as an example of overcoming some of the mistakes of the past. We should never have had such an incredible location just sit there. Now, it's going to do so much good for the people of New York City.

So, there'll be a rooftop public park, 250,000-square feet of office space, thousands of new jobs, some very exciting events that we think will take place in this venue. It will quickly become another signature location for New York City – now, we've got a lot of great ones but this is also a statement in New York City. We are never done. We're happy to have more special places that people come to know as essential to New York City – this, I guarantee, will quickly become one of the them.

So, you know, it's not just the jobs, it's not just the quality of jobs; it is also that this community – tech community, and I particularly want to thank Google – have a strong sense of reaching those who have not yet been included. And this is essential to my philosophy, and I think, what people all over the city are looking for – how does it play out with Google? There's a clear sense of reaching our young people – the CS First effort – 25,000 kids in afterschool programs that Google plays a crucial role in, thank you.

[Applause]

And, I can't wait to a few years from now, when we see how many of those kids ended up right here in this sector, in this city. This is probably the requisite moment where I take slight shot at Northern California.

[Laughter]

To just say it was great while it lasted.

[Laughter]

We are very, very proud of what's happening here. And as our young people – who are just filled with talent and also represent every culture in the world – come to bear in this industry, in this sector, it's going to become ever more vibrant.

And I have to tell you, this really excites me because here Google literally can tap into every element of the global community here in the five boroughs – every language, every culture – and that's what makes us particularly special.

What you're doing with libraries, 10,000 low-income families are going to have mobile Wi-Fi units called MyFi units – for those who are uninitiated – because of Google. And for those families, it will be a huge difference maker – Wi-Fi available for free in Chelsea, the Meatpacking District, and the nearby Fulton Houses – one of our public housing developments.

So, all of that and – as they say in late-night advertising, “But wait there's more” – Google and the entire tech community are playing a crucial role in helping us develop Computer Science for

All. And this is again – we love our brothers and sisters in California – but we are going to be, by far, the largest school system in America to integrate computer science education throughout our school system over the next ten years, thus increasing the strength of the community here at the same time. And the tech-talent pipeline, which Google's been a charter member of with us. Right now, making sure that young people – and again, not-so-young people – get the training to quickly make the transition to this community because there are jobs right now that need to be filled. And that is a glorious thing.

So, Eric congratulations. This is part of something very special for this City. And thank you for your leadership, and thank you to everyone at Google.

Thank you.

[Applause]

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