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James Lima has more than 30 years of experience in the planning and implementation of economic development and community revitalization projects throughout North America. His real estate and economic advisory firm, James Lima Planning + Development, provides planning, policy, real estate, and economic advisory services for downtown revitalization, job creation, great placemaking, and shaping impactful and equitable public policy.

Prior to founding JLP+D in 2011, James was a partner at a national real estate and economic advisory firm focusing on downtown revitalization, mixed-use development, and job creation. As a public development official in NYC, James led the Downtown Brooklyn Redevelopment Plan which has resulted in more than \$10 billion of new investment. James was appointed by then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg as founding President of the public corporation charged with redeveloping and operating Governors Island in New York Harbor. James has also worked as a real estate developer at national development companies AvalonBay and Forest City.

James is helping plan and implement a broad range of economic development projects including new corporate campuses for two of the world's largest and fast-growing technology companies, a billion dollar flood protection project for Lower Manhattan, and the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative in Westbury, Long Island. James' firm is also an on-call real estate and economic advisor to the Suffolk County IDA where recent work has focused on transit-oriented development strategies for Amityville, Copiague, Lindenhurst, E. Farmingdale, Smithtown and Kings Park.