THOMAS ROACH
MAYOR – CITY OF WHITE PLAINS, NY
Tom was elected to the White Plains Common Council in 2001. During his time on the council he focused on constituent service, sound fiscal management, and the environment. Clean air restrictions on construction sites, which he spearheaded, remain part of the approval process in White Plains and have served as a model for other communities.
In February of 2011, while serving as Council President, Tom became Acting Mayor. He was elected mayor in a special election shortly thereafter and won election to his first full term in office in November 2013 with 76% of the vote. Tom’s long-term vision for the city is to continually enhance the downtown environment for businesses and residents while at the same time maintaining the strong, vibrant neighborhoods that have long characterized White Plains.
During his time as Mayor, Tom has spearheaded important environmental and sustainability initiatives including banning the use of the dirtiest heating oils, creating the first dedicated bike lanes in the county, and establishing a network of electric vehicle charging stations in municipally owned parking structures.
Tom has served as a member of the Mass Transit Task Force for the new Tappan Zee Bridge, as the President of the Westchester Municipal Officials Association, and President of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).