

Sparkling Cross-Sector Collaboration for COVID Recovery: How a Family Foundation Catalyzed Local Investment

NCFP Community Conversation

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Description

The Rauch Foundation of Long Island will describe how family foundations can play a unique role as a neutral hub to forge relationships across local business, government, and media that can multiply investment in regional economic recovery. Foundation President Nancy Rauch Douzinas and a panel of collaborators will articulate and illustrate five principles for using research, relationship networks, advocacy and targeted grants to open up blocked civic systems and address community needs at scale. The approach de-risks grantmaking by multiplying stakeholders in an initiative's success, and it lays groundwork for further collaboration.

Replay Link

View the webinar [replay here](#).

Resources

- [Webinar slides](#)
- [Why And How Investing In "Community Builders" Can Put Us On A Path To Healing](#)
- [Seeding the Ground for Tri-Sector Alliances Before the Crisis Hits](#)
- [Small Can Be Effective](#)

Featured Speakers



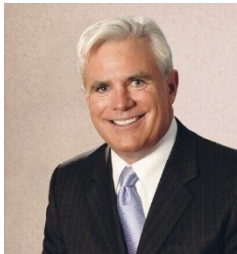
Gemma Deleon-Lopresti

Commissioner Deleon-Lopresti is a mediator for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service where she assists labor and management in achieving agreement primarily through collective bargaining, grievance mediation and alternative dispute resolution. Gemma has for over 20 years negotiated accords affecting thousands of workers in multiple industries. Prior to FMCS, Gemma was National Director of Strategic Planning for the Retail Wholesale and Department

Store Union, president of RWDSU Local 1102 and chair of the local's health and pension funds. She has served on the boards of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and Long Island Federation of Labor, taught business courses and served as a community college trustee.

**Nancy Rauch Douzinas**

After a career of 20 years as a psychologist and family therapist, Nancy Rauch Douzinas became president of the Rauch Foundation in 1990. In keeping with her broad range of community concerns, Nancy serves on the boards of Teachers College, Columbia University; Greentree Foundation; the North Shore Land Alliance; the Stony Brook Foundation; and Accelerate Long Island. She graduated from Smith College and received an M.A. and Ph.D. from New York University in community psychology. She and her husband reside in Lloyd Harbor and have two married daughters and five grandchildren.

**Patrick Halpin**

Mr. Halpin is the Chairman of the Suffolk County Water Authority, which provides high quality drinking water to 1.2 million Suffolk residents. He also serves as Managing Director in the New York office of Mercury Public Affairs. During a lengthy career in elective office, Mr. Halpin served in the Suffolk Legislature, the New York State Assembly and as County Executive, managing a \$1.4 billion budget, supervising more than 12,000 employees, and instituting programs to prevent domestic violence, protect open spaces, create affordable housing and bring more than 10,000 jobs to the county.

**Kevin Law**

Mr. Law became a partner and executive VP this year for real estate developer Tritec, after more than a decade serving as President and CEO of the Long Island Association (LIA), one of the most respected business organizations in New York State. At LIA, his efforts focused on economic development and creating a better business climate on Long Island to strengthen it as a place to live, work and do business. Previously, Mr. Law was President and CEO of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), the second largest U.S. public utility with over 1.1 million customers. Mr. Law also served as Chief Deputy County Executive and General Counsel for Suffolk County, the ninth largest county in the country, and as Managing Partner of the Long Island office of international law firm Nixon Peabody LLP.

**Katie Smith Milway**

Katie Smith Milway, founder and principal of Milway Media, applies expertise in strategy, communications, and social impact to help organizations and movements develop insights, measure influence, and campaign for change. She is a senior advisor at The Bridgespan Group, where she served for a decade as partner and head of the knowledge practice, following 14 years at Bain & Company, as a strategy consultant and the firm's founding editorial director and global publisher. She began her journalism career at the Wall Street Journal, her nonprofit service at Food for the Hungry. She holds a B.A. from Stanford University and M.B.A. from INSEAD.