



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HBJ NHB FORUM 2022

OCTOBER 12, 2022

7:30 - 11:30 AM | FARMINGTON GARDENS

Cost: \$75. Pre-registration required. Reserved tables available.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND TIMELY FORUM!

The Hartford Business Journal & New Haven Biz will host the Future of Economic Development in Connecticut, presented by Pullman & Comley. Connecticut has always been the birthplace of innovation. With a highly educated workforce and superior quality of life, Connecticut offers unique opportunities. As the role of economic development becomes an increasingly shared responsibility between the public and private sectors, this event will bring together business, municipal and state leaders to address the changing approach to economic development to create a more vibrant and competitive Connecticut.

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## AGENDA

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST | 7:30 - 8:15AM

WELCOMING REMARKS | 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM



**Lee D. Hoffman,**  
Chair, Pullman & Comley LLC

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | 8:30 - 8:55AM



**Andrew Levy**  
Founder, Chairman and CEO  
Avelo Airlines

PANEL INTRODUCTION | 8:55AM

PANEL 1 | 9 - 10AM

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND THEIR ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The influx of new residents over the past two years and a number of exciting new projects are re-energizing the state as we emerge from the pandemic. Hear about some of the inventive ways municipalities have teamed public sector initiatives with private sector innovation and investment to drive development and growth – from downtown urban revitalization, to the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in building suburban communities, to new industrial development creating jobs in Connecticut.

MODERATOR



**David Lehman,**  
Commissioner, Connecticut Department  
of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

PANELISTS



**Larry Dooley,**  
President,  
Colt Gateway



**Michael Freimuth,**  
Executive Director,  
Capital Region  
Development Authority



**Michael Goman,**  
Principal,  
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**Gary B. O'Connor,**  
Co-Chair, Real  
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Environmental  
and Land Use  
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**Mayor  
Neil O'Leary,**  
City of Waterbury



**Adam D.  
Winstanley,**  
Principal,  
Winstanley  
Enterprises

COFFEE BREAK | 10 - 10:15AM

PANEL 2 | 10:25 - 11:25AM

RETHINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

What does the future of economic development in Connecticut look like? Where do we go from here, and how can we do it better to continue to attract investment in our state? Our panel of developers, economic development professionals and thought leaders will share their insights on important lessons on what it takes to make a project successful, thoughts on working with state and local stakeholders to promote sustainable growth, the importance of incorporating ESG into your economic development strategy, and more.

MODERATOR



**John F. Stafstrom Jr.,**  
Co-Chair, Public Finance Department, Pullman & Comley LLC

PANELISTS



**Robert W.  
Christoph Jr.,**  
President, RCI Group



**Rick Dunne,**  
Executive Director,  
Naugatuck  
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**David Kooris,**  
President, Stamford  
Downtown



**Felix Reyes,**  
Director of Economic  
Development and  
Planning, City of New  
London

CLOSING REMARKS | 11:30AM