

**THE CIVIC FEDERATION
AND THE GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION
PRESENT:**



JULY 19-21, 2021
ON THE GATHERLY PLATFORM



AGENDA, DAY 1

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

9:30 a.m. CDT

GATHERLY 101 AND HELPDESK

Gatherly Lobby

10:00 a.m. CDT

WELCOME

Sarah Wetmore, President, GRA
Laurence Msall, President, Civic Federation
Gatherly Ballroom



10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CDT

KICKOFF: THE POST-COVID NEW NORMAL--WHAT WILL DETROIT'S REVENUES LOOK LIKE POST-PANDEMIC?

Gatherly Ballroom

SPEAKERS

Leslie McGranahan, Vice President and Director of Regional Research, *Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*

Rick Mattoon, Vice President & Regional Executive, *Detroit Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*

MODERATOR

Sarah Wetmore, President, *GRA*

11:00 a.m. CDT - **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. CDT

PANEL 1 : BAIL REFORM EFFORTS ACROSS THE U.S.

Gatherly Ballroom

As pretrial reform efforts continue to sweep the nation, some areas of the country are further along than others in moving away from a money-based bail system that has for centuries marginalized low income and people of color. With the passage of a landmark criminal justice reform law in February 2021, Illinois will end the use of cash bail and institute new pretrial release procedures in January 2023. New Jersey has proven that pretrial reform can be done successfully and without harming public safety, while efforts have had mixed success in places like Texas and New York.

This discussion will explore bail reform efforts across the U.S., with a particular focus on the unique experiences of Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Texas. State leaders and criminal justice reform experts will discuss the challenges and barriers associated with achieving reform and the lessons learned that can be applied as more states and local jurisdictions pursue evidence-based and risk-based pretrial practices.

MODERATOR

Paula Wolff, Policy Advisor, *Illinois Justice Project*

PANELISTS

The Honorable Anne Burke, Supreme Court Chief Justice, *State of Illinois*

The Honorable Glenn A. Grant, Administrative Director of the New Jersey Courts

Insha Rahman, Vice President of Advocacy and Partnerships, *Vera Institute*

Nick Hudson, Policy & Advocacy Strategist, *ACLU of Texas*

12:15 p.m. - **BREAK**

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 pm CDT

FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSIONS - CHOOSE ONE OR SOME

Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room

(*Reforming Police Budgets Roundtable in the Ballroom*)

TOPICS AND FACILITATORS/SPEAKERS

Table 1: Pandemic Learning Loss: Policy Options, Criketa Matlock, *Charter Schools USA*

Table 2: Forming a Taxpayer Relief Task Force, Dominic Calabro, *Florida TaxWatch*

Table 3: Communications Collaboration + Shrinking Newsrooms, Katy Broom, *Civic Federation*

Table 4: Helping Downtowns Recover with Conversion Tax Credits, Kent Swanson, *Riverside*

Investment & Development; Jared Fleisher, *Rock Central*; Roland Calia, *Civic Federation*

Table 5: Fundraising During a Pandemic: What Have We Learned?, Jaye Hobart, *Civic Federation*

Ballroom: Reforming Police Budgets Roundtable, Rob Henken, *Wisconsin Policy Forum*; Chris Morill, *GFOA*; Annie McGowan, *Civic Federation*; Karen Volker, *Cure Violence Global*; Ivy Lee, *Office of the Mayor of San Francisco*; Maureen Quinn McGough, *Policing Project at NYU School of Law*; Sandy Jo MacArthur, *University of Chicago Crime Lab*

1:30 p.m. CDT - **BREAK**

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 pm CDT

GRA ROUNDUP

Gatherly Ballroom

After two years, we'll all have a lot to share at this roundtable discussion of our achievements, goals and challenges. We'll call on one person from each organization to talk about how they have weathered the pandemic storm, their top projects and any organizational updates they wish to share.

3:30 p.m. CDT - **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

Attendees should feel free to stay on or return to the platform in the evening and arrange meetups with colleagues



AGENDA, DAY 2

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. CDT

GRA STAFF GROUP MEETINGS

In previous years, this time was reserved for the President and Executive Directors meeting. This year, we look forward to several group meetings for different types of GRA staff to discuss organizational issues.

- Presidents and Executive Directors - Gatherly Ballroom
- Research - Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room - Table 1
- Communications/Marketing - Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room - Table 2
- Development/Fundraising - Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room - Table 3
- Finance/Operations - Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room - Table 4

10:30 a.m. - **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. CDT

PANEL 2: THE FUTURE OF CONVENTIONS AND THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY: THE CASE OF CHICAGO

Gatherly Ballroom

Conventions and hospitality are crucial industries to Chicago's economy, but have also been the most impacted by the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Panelists will explore how the tourism, convention and hospitality industries might recover from the pandemic and how they will continue to evolve after a year lived virtually.

MODERATOR

Jeffrey Bethke, Managing Partner, *Ingenuity Advising & Chair, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority*

PANELISTS

Larita Clark, CEO, *Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority*

Robert Reiter, Executive Committee, *Choose Chicago & President, Chicago Federation of Labor*

Danny Ecker, Reporter-Commercial Real Estate, *Crain's Chicago Business*

Sam Toia, President & CEO, *Illinois Restaurant Association*

11:45 a.m. - **BREAK**

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CDT

SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE SHARES

Gatherly Small Group Discussion Room

Creating Short Videos, Christopher Collard, *Utah Foundation*

Event Planning: What Comes Next? Group Discussion

OR

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CDT

PANEL 3: BROADBAND AND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Gatherly Ballroom

Accessing the internet is fundamental to modern life. However, according to the American Community Survey, approximately 17.3% of US households lack access to a broadband connection. This lack of connection is isolating in "normal" times. The pandemic has further exacerbated this issue with millions of households unable to access tele-health, remote learning, and remote work. This panel of experts will discuss the work their organizations have done on internet accessibility, community impacts, disparities, and solutions.

MODERATORPaul Matthews, Executive Director & CEO, *Worcester Regional Research Bureau***PANELISTS**Ryan Hankins, Executive Director, *Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama*Angela Siefer, Executive Director, *National Digital Inclusion Alliance*Christopher Mitchell, Director, Community Broadband Networks Initiative, *Institute for Local Self Reliance*Daniel Anello, CEO, *Kids First Chicago*Hannah Hill, Principal, *BCG*1:00 p.m. - **BREAK**

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. CDT

AWARDS CEREMONY

Gatherly Ballroom

KEYNOTE SPEAKERThe Honorable **Toi Hutchinson**, *Senior Advisor for Cannabis to Illinois Governor JB Pritzker*

Former Illinois State Senator Hutchinson was one of the architects of Illinois' landmark adult-use cannabis legalization law. She will discuss the social equity provisions contained in the law and provide a look at the future of a growing industry.

PRESENTATION OF THE FREDERICK P. GRUENBERG AWARD TO:
JANET R. HOWARD, RETIRED PRESIDENT AND CEO,
BUREAU OF GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 GRA AWARDS COMPETITION2:15 p.m. - **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**

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AGENDA, DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. CDT

GRA ANNUAL MEETING

On Zoom

- ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
- CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CDT

PANEL 4: HOW CAN GRA ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTE EQUITY THROUGH OUR WORK?

Gatherly Ballroom

The GRA has long served as a nexus to promote best practices in government, but we can also learn from each other's experience in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in our work. Whether your organization has a longstanding equity lens or you're just getting started, this discussion will allow you to learn from peer organizations' efforts to be more inclusive and reflect the communities we serve.

PANELISTS

Erika Rosenberg, President and CEO, *CGR*

Jeff Hornstein, Executive Director, *Economy League of Greater Philadelphia*

11:30 a.m. - **BREAK**

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT

AWARD WINNER VIRTUAL TABLES

Gatherly Award Winner Tables Room

Winners of the 2021 GRA Awards will have "tables" in a virtual presentation hall to describe their projects and answer questions from attendees. Attendees can move around the virtual presentation hall to visit the projects that interest them.

12:30 p.m. CDT - **ADJOURN**