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# USBC-LI

## Our Mission

The United States Green Building Council – Long Island Chapter (USGBC-LI) is dedicated to encouraging and facilitating sustainable building practices on Long Island through advocacy, education and outreach efforts to local municipalities, residents and building industry professionals.

## Our Vision

The vision of the Long Island Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council is to mirror and locally advance the core purpose of the USGBC, which is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling a socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.

## About Us

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's foremost coalition of LEED-ers from every sector of the building industry, working to promote building practices that are environmentally responsible, and produce profitable and healthy places to live and work. USGBC-LI works to bring these values to the communities of Long Island. Our local chapter provides educational and outreach programs for local municipalities and code officials, while providing local contractors, engineers, and other building industry professionals with the resources they need to incorporate green practices into their projects and work toward LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. The USGBC-LI Chapter provides information and resources on how to get LEED certified.

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# COMPANY OF THE YEAR

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Founded in 1986 by brothers Robert and James Coughlan, TRITEC is a family-owned company with deep community ties and extensive experience developing, constructing, and managing real estate. From our roots in Long Island, New York to more recent projects in Northern Virginia, we have built our reputation around exceeding the expectations of our employees and customers, creating quality without compromise, and delivering resounding results with heart.

As an established regional leader, we take a triple bottom line approach to creating value with economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable strategies that serve communities – both today and tomorrow. Our development projects have a positive environmental impact, and our construction division has considerable experience in green building techniques so that we can continue our commitment to bettering communities and to creating positive, lasting change for local areas.



# PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



## Honorable Donald Clavin

When Donald X. Clavin, Jr. was elected Hempstead Town Supervisor in November of 2019, it signified the next step in his public service journey, serving America's largest township. During his 18-year tenure as Receiver of Taxes, Clavin has redefined the Receiver's Office, hosting hundreds upon hundreds of free taxpayer forums in every Hempstead Town community. These "how-to" seminars have helped tens of thousands of taxpayers learn how to reduce their property tax burden through money-saving exemptions and by challenging their property tax assessments.

What's more, Clavin brings a legacy of innovation to the Hempstead Town Supervisor's Office – as Receiver, he transformed the Hempstead Town Tax Office into a model for municipal tax offices across the region. Clavin plans to bring the same type of innovation to the Supervisor's job. Clavin's vision for the Supervisor's position includes environmentally responsible and sustainable growth; intergovernmental cooperation; streamlining of operations; a major infrastructure upgrade initiative, focusing on major roadway repaving projects and parks overhaul; encouragement of "next generation" home development; enhancing services for persons with special needs; improving online town services; and collaborative initiatives with local universities and colleges, focused on retaining young workers in our township. Among Clavin's other priorities are revamping the Town Building Department's operations, modernizing the municipality's Building Zone Ordinance to reflect the community's changing priorities, as well as creating Transformative Development Zones, facilitating the revitalization of entire neighborhoods as opposed to single building sites. Don Clavin is a lifelong resident of the Town of Hempstead, where he and his wife are proud to be raising their two daughters and son.



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# CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

Welcome all,

Tonight we all take a moment to recognize the work of our chapter and of regional leaders that are supporting our mission. The importance of our work has never been clearer. This past July was the planet's warmest month on record and according to the World Meteorological Organization, most likely the warmest month in more than 100,000 years. The realities of climate change have never been more apparent and in many places, our world is literally on fire. We have work to do and we can't do it soon enough.

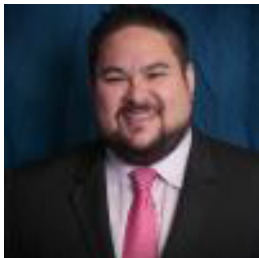
What we need to do to mitigate the catastrophic effects of climate change is clear - we must reduce our carbon emissions. The road we will take to achieve these reductions isn't always as obvious. With massive investments in wind energy, a significant portion of our road map has been charted, but there is a lot more to the picture. As our region does its part, we need to account for ensuring a transition away from fossil fuels that preserves energy reliability and affordability. The planners, architects, engineers, developers, and installers are not only critical to making the road map clear, they will build the road. On Long Island, our USGBC chapter represents the broadest convening of sustainability professionals equipped to build our portion of the road.

Without leadership, we can't accomplish much. Tonight we are extremely fortunate to be celebrating two regional leaders that are setting an example for the rest of the region to strive for.

Tritec Real Estate's decision to develop their Station Yards project in Ronkonkoma as a LEED ND project is a demonstration of their commitment to sustainability and their understanding of all of what must be considered for Long Island's future. By providing much needed housing in a way that also accounts for the importance of accessibility to public transportation and green infrastructure, they are building the foundation for our sustainable growth.

In the not too distant future, wind turbines will be operating across the shores of Long Island. This reality is the result of years of planning and investment. As wind begins its transition to becoming a primary source of energy, we need to account for making sure that power is available when we need it most. The Town of Hempstead, under the leadership of supervisor, Don Clavin, is pioneering our future for long term energy storage and grid resilience. Their partnership with National Grid to expand their existing hydrogen facility to heat homes and charge their fleet of electric vehicles with green hydrogen is an enormous step forward. The Hygrid project doesn't get done without leadership at the top and we are grateful to have the opportunity to recognize supervisor Clavin for providing it.

I also want to thank and recognize all of our partners in building a sustainable future, many of whom are here with us tonight. Our work is truly a team effort and tonight we celebrate the entire team that is working diligently to make sure we have better seasons ahead of us.



Sincerely,  
Sammy Chu  
USGBC-LI Chair

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Public Official of the Year

**Tritec Real Estate**  
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*The USGBC-LI has become a critical organization on Long Island, central to all efforts to educate on, advocate for, and implement renewable energy and sustainable, inclusive development. I am privileged to serve as chairman, and proud of the vast accomplishments of this group.*

- Sammy Chu, CEO  
Edgewise Energy & Community Power LI and  
Chairman, U.S. Green Building Council, Long Island Chapter

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the U.S. Green Building Council-Long Island Chapter's (USGBC-LI) 15th Annual Building Green Dinner. Thank you all for being here with us tonight. This special event affords us all the opportunity to show our support for the vital work being done on Long Island to create buildings and communities that are environmentally, socially, and economically sound.

Tonight, we honor and celebrate those whose leadership and vision have significantly helped advance our mission of a sustainable future for our children and the generations to come. We are proud to be honoring our 2023 Long Island LEED-ers of the Year, TRITEC Real Estate and Town of Hempstead Supervisor, Don Clavin. For years, TRITEC has been at the forefront of advancing sustainability programs. With deep roots on Long Island, they take a holistic approach to long term environmentally sustainable strategies that serve the community. From commercial real estate to multifamily projects, TRITEC's LEED certified neighborhoods and buildings have been pivotal in spearheading community collaboration and innovation on Long Island. One of TRITEC's recent ventures, known as Station Yards, is located at the Ronkonkoma Long Island Railroad train station and is an enormous milestone in one of the most significant transit-oriented developments in Suffolk County. The entire project is a community-based initiative and involves the collaborative efforts of NYS, Suffolk County, the town of Brookhaven, community civic organizations, chambers of commerce, Industrial Development Agencies, IDA, hundreds of dedicated professionals, and the team at TRITEC. As a family-owned company, Tritec's values and goals are geared towards strengthening the community and creating comfortable, sustainable living spaces to work towards a green future on Long Island. We are immensely proud to recognize TRITEC as the USGBC-LI Company of the Year.

USGBC-LI is also proud to honor Town of Hempstead Supervisor Donald X. Clavin as our Public Official of the Year. Supervisor Clavin's ambitious vision for Long Island's largest township includes environmentally responsible and sustainable growth; intergovernmental cooperation; streamlining of operations; a major infrastructure upgrade initiative, focusing on roadway repaving projects, overhauling parks, and encouraging "next generation" home development specifically geared towards LEED certifications and sustainable builds. Supervisor Clavin is a leader in promoting renewable and green energy projects here on Long Island. He has helped secure Long Island's green future by taking part in Hempstead's green energy park featuring solar, geothermal, hydrogen, and wind power. Additionally, he has begun an initiative to build one of the first and largest clean hydrogen projects in the country. The HyGrid Project located in Point Lookout will blend green hydrogen into the existing distribution system to heat hundreds of homes and provide fuel for municipal vehicles. Supervisor Clavin's agenda is ahead of the curve, acting in anticipation of the future rather than reacting to the past.



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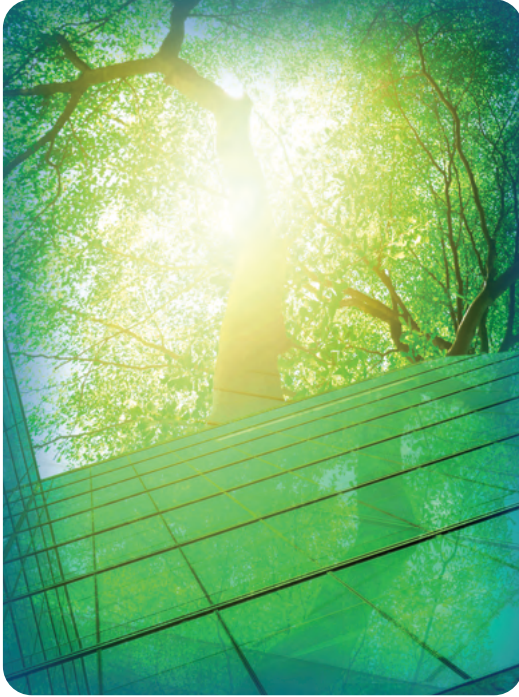
Our vision for transforming the design, composition, and operation of the buildings and communities on Long Island is slowly becoming a reality, but we can't do it alone. Each person or organization that gives financially or volunteers their time moves us closer and closer to realizing our shared goals. All of us at the USGBC-LI are engaged and ready to strengthen the foundation needed here on Long Island to meet the challenges ahead. We look forward to the most exciting and productive year yet for USGBC-Long Island and the green building community

Thank you for joining us on this special night and for your support throughout the year!



Sincerely,  
Paul J. Tonna  
Executive Director





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# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## **Chairman** **Sammy Chu**

*Edgewise Energy*

Sammy Chu is Chairman of the U.S. Green Building Council-Long Island Chapter and Chief Executive Officer for Edgewise Energy, a power systems integrator that combines cutting edge fuel cell technology with battery storage and PV to create next generation demand response solutions. A leader in promoting market adoption of residential energy efficiency, Chu was the Founding Director of the Town of Babylon's Long Island Green Homes Program, the first operationalized property assessed clean energy program (PACE) in the country.

Prior to his current positions, Sammy served in the administration of County Executive Steve Bellone as Director of Operations and as Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs. He was the lead county official in the aftermath of super storm Sandy, tasked with coordinating response and recovery. A staunch advocate of inclusive, sustainable economic development, Chu was instrumental in creating workforce opportunities for traditionally under served individuals during the planning of the transformative Wyandanch Rising development, one of the seminal LEED ND projects.

Chu serves as a board member for several non-profit agencies, including the Long Island chapter of the American Red Cross, the EAC Network, and the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island. Chu also serves as a trustee of Molloy University and last year was appointed by Governor Kathy Hochul to serve on the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

## **Vice Chairman** **John Franceschina** **NY Professional Engineer**

*PSEG Long Island*

John Franceschina, P.E. is the Senior Manager for Lockheed Martin's Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Program for PSEG Long Island. This program provides rebates and incentives for PSEG Long Island's 1.1 million commercial and residential customers. In this capacity, he is responsible for achieving 54MW+ annually of peak electric load reduction with a \$75M+ annual budget.

Mr. Franceschina is the Vice-Chair for the USGBC-LI. He is also President of the Long Island Geo-thermal Energy Organization (LI-GEO) and the New York Geothermal Energy Organization (NY-GEO). These two associations have been instrumental in growing the geothermal heat pump market on Long Island and throughout New York State. He holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from Manhattan College, an M.B.A. in banking and finance from Dowling College and is a licensed New York State Professional Engineer.

## **Treasurer** **Tammy Cunha** **LEED AP**

*PW Grosser Consulting Engineers*

Tammy Cunha is a Project Manager at PW Grosser Consulting Engineer & Hydrogeologist. She is responsible for the development of civil engineering site plan designs pertaining to

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Municipal, State, Institutional and Local General Projects. Ms. Cunha performs site plan review for PWGC's Municipal clients. She is in charge of Site Plan Applications, Wetlands Permit Applications and Municipal materials for project approvals. Ms. Cunha is a LEED AP and NYS Building Code Enforcement Official (CEO) and holds certifications in the International Code Council (ICC), Certified in Green Building Code. Ms. Cunha is also Chairwoman of the USGBC-LI Green Schools Committee.

## Secretary

### **Marjaneh Issapour**

**MSEE, P.E.**

*The Renewable Energy & Sustainability Center at Farmingdale State College*

Marjaneh Issapour is the Director of Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center (RESC) at Farmingdale State College (FSC) a Campus of State University of New York. She is also a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology at FSC.

Her area of research is Renewable and Alternative energy sources. She has expertise in Statistical Modeling of various energy related quantities and factors. She is also knowledgeable in networking technologies and has devoted most of her research to applications related to alternative energy sources; specifically she has worked on Statistical Model for Energy Intensity. She is currently involved with drinking water quality research along with her students.

She is an IEEE Senior member and currently chairs the Educational Activities Committee and Power and Energy Society of the IEEE-Long Island. She was the chair of IEEE- Long Island (2017). She is also a member of the Manufacturing and Technology Resource Consortium (MTRC) Advisory Board, Farmingdale State College's representative at Engineering Joint Commission of Long Island (EJCLI), was the Chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Long Island Section (2017), is the IEEE's Region 1 Board of Governors (BoG) with the position of Educational Activities Committee chair (2018) and is Farmingdale State College's representative for Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE), is the chair of the USGBC's "Drive Electric Long Island" steering committee, a member of the Workforce development subcommittee of American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), a member of the offshore wind wildlife & permitting of AWEA's subcommittee, and a member of PSEG Long Island's Environmental Advisory Committee.

She is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service by the SUNY Chancellor and Board of Trustees in 2007. The Chancellor's Award is a prestigious award within the SUNY system and is awarded only to those candidates who have a record of consistently superior performance and a long commitment to the SUNY system. She was recognized by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers Suffolk County Chapter for excellence in leadership and performance as a professional engineer in education (2015), is the recipient of IEEE-LI's Athanasios Papoulis Outstanding Educator Award (2017) and the "Excellence for Women in Technology Award" from Association of Technology Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) (2019).

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## **Matthew Aboff**

**Owner**

*Aboff's Paints*

Matt Aboff is an owner of Aboff's Paints, one of the largest family owned and operated paint store chains in the country. After graduating from Cold Spring Harbor High School, he attended the University of Hartford where he received his bachelor's degree. After a short time on Wall Street, Matt decided to join his families paint business where he has worked for the past 9 years. Matt was recently honored by the Long Island Business News as a recipient of their 40 Under 40 award in recognition of his role as one of Long Island's future business leaders. Matt currently resides in New York City with his wife Colleen and baby daughter.

## **Alfred L. Amato**

**Founder and Managing Partner**

*Amato Law Group, PLLC*

Alfred L. Amato is the founder and managing partner of Amato Law Group, PLLC, which was established in 1995. Today, the firm is one of the largest real estate and land use firms on Long Island.

With a sophisticated real estate practice cultivated over 27 years, Amato Law Group, PLLC strategically focuses on commercial real estate development and transactions, land use and zoning, litigation, telecommunications and renewable energy. The firm represents some of the nation's largest commercial, industrial and multi-family developers, telecommunication companies, health care and assisted living providers, retailers, and public agencies, along with international energy companies and regional developers and businesses. The firm's clients depend upon Al's comprehensive experience to successfully navigate the challenging and complex development environment of Downstate New York and Northern New Jersey.

Mr. Amato is admitted to the New York State Bar, the New Jersey State Bar, the United States District Court Eastern District of New York and the United States District Court Southern District of New York. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, the New Jersey Bar Association and the New York State Wireless Association.

In addition to serving on the board of the U.S. Green Building Council, he also serves on the board of the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society.

## **Matthew Aracich**

**President**

*The Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties*

Matthew Aracich was unanimously elected President of The Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties in 2018. In his role as President, he represents more than 65,000 Tradesmen and Tradeswomen belonging to 37 affiliated Labor Organizations.

Matthew is a third-generation union member, spanning more than 100 years of family heritage. In his previous career, he served as the Business Manager/Financial Secretary of Heat and Frost Insulators, Local Union No. 12 located in NY City. In that capacity, he was the union's principal administrator and responsible for negotiating contracts, Trustee for

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more than \$200 million in benefit funds, securing work opportunities for the membership and representing the union for their political agenda.

Since taking office, he was selected to join the Board of Directors for United Way of Long Island. President Aracich has a strong resume that includes being a heavy equipment operator for the U.S. Navy, and began his career in construction as a commercial driver nearly 40 years ago.

Alexander Badalamenti, AIA is responsible for firm management, leadership and quality assurance of projects. With over 35 years of experience in architectural design, his work can be seen across Long Island, New York City and abroad. In addition to his diverse commercial, industrial and multi-family background, he has a unique portfolio of high-end private residences. He enjoys working with responsible developments that ultimately compliment their surroundings.

## **Alex Badalamenti**

**President/CEO**

*BLD Architecture*

As a resident of Long Island, Alex is dedicated to its local community and serves as a Trustee on a few Boards. He has a sincere interest in buildings of historic significance and landmark status. Pair that with his boundless knowledge of state-of-the-art building materials and systems and the outcome is purposeful designs that keep these communities connected to their roots.

## **John Cannataro**

**Senior Project Manager**

*G2D Group*

John Cannataro is Engineering Manager/Senior Project Manager at G2D Group and works on mid to high-rise residential construction, high-end retail construction, high-end apartment renovation, as well as other types of work on both commercial and residential construction. He has been in the construction industry for over 17 years and has an architectural background. His responsibilities include reviewing the entire project from drawings to schedule with the goal of minimizing mistakes as well as maximizing efficiency as best as possible by ensuring trade coordination on paper as well as the field. He trains Project managers to implement company wide mandatory procedures and create efficiency and transparency. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from NY Institute of Technology in Old Westbury.

## **John Culkin**

**President**

*C&S Building Services*

Mr. Culkin founded C&S Building Services, Inc. in 1997 to provide Facility Operations, HVAC Design and Construction, HVAC Service and Building Automation Systems. Under Mr. Culkin's leadership C&S has grown to over sixty employees and is a recognized leader in the industry and best of the best in the field of facility operations and engineering technical expertise.

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C&S clients include Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, LaGuardia Gateway Partners Terminal B, British Airlines JFK Terminal 7, Aaron Diamond Aids Research Center, NYU Hospital for Joint Disease and the Nassau Coliseum.

C&S facility group has operated Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty continuously since 2002. The automation group at C&S designed and installed the BMS and Life Safety systems for the newly renovated Statue of Liberty. Life Safety controllers were specially designed and certified for stairway pressurization and active lobby exhaust to ensure visitors have a safe means of egress in event of an emergency. Post Hurricane Sandy, C&S designed and installed a complete BMS and Fire system for the Ellis Island Powerhouse and associated buildings, keeping the entire system above the five- hundred-year flood plain and upgraded the system controls to maximize energy conservation while ensuring the interiors meet the stringent environmental requirements needed to safeguard important historical artifacts and national treasures.

## **Victor DaCosta**

**PMP, LEED AP BD+C, G-PRO: CM**

**Partner**

*Alternative Solutions of New York*

Victor DaCosta is a partner with Alternative Solutions of New York. His company provides strategic consulting and project management services for projects incorporating green building concepts, technology implementations, alternative energy solutions and alternative fuel vehicles.

As Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and liaison to the Programs Committee for the USGBC Long Island chapter he is a strong advocate for green building practices. Victor has over 19 years professional experience managing multi-million dollar technology and construction projects.

Through his various roles, he has the combined experience of project planning and execution, budgeting, vendor and subcontractor management, strategy & technical planning, RFP coordination, contract negotiation and field support. He has worked in a diverse mix of industries including construction, supply chain, management consulting, telecommunications, and media. Victor has also managed international projects spanning multiple countries and continents.

Victor holds an MBA in International Business from Franklin College in Switzerland/LIU.

## **Robert DeMarinis**

**Energy and Sustainability Consultant**

Robert DeMarinis was Vice President of Gas Operations NY at National Grid. He was responsible for field operations and construction associated with maintaining and growing a safe and reliable gas distribution network serving 2.3 million customers in the Company's New York State territory. He has over 38 years of experience with the Company and its predecessor Companies in Gas Distribution, Electric Transmission & Distribution Operations, and Electric Power Generation. He has been recognized throughout his career for outstanding community and customer service, volunteer work, and emergency response efforts.



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Bob served as Corporate Chairperson for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and as a volunteer with the United Way and Junior Achievement of NY. He was a registered merit badge counselor for the Suffolk County Boy Scouts and has coached community youth flag football and lacrosse teams.

Bob retired after 30 years of service as a Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2011. In October 2004, he was awarded the US Navy Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional leadership as Executive Officer, Military Sealift Command, Northern Persian Gulf 102 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

He has a B.E. in Marine Engineering from NY Maritime College, an M.S. in Engineering Management from Stony Brook University, and an M.S. in Environmental Technology from New York Institute of Technology.

He is a graduate of the 2007 Leadership Huntington Flagship Program and a graduate of the 2008 Eneergeia Partnership - The Academy for Regional Stewardship at Molloy College and is currently on the Board of Advisors. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Long Island, Long Island Builders Institute, Leadership Huntington Foundation, Paul Snyder Memorial Foundation and is a member of the Volunteer Leadership Advisory Board of the NY Blood Center. In September 2017 he was recognized with a NY ICON award by the Long Island Business Community.

## **Kevin M. Harvey** **Former Business Manager** *I.B.E.W. Local 25*

Kevin Harvey was accepted into Local 25's Apprenticeship Program in 1971 while he was in his junior year at Iona College in New Rochelle. He accepted the offer into the program and left school to begin his apprenticeship. His family is steeped in a long tradition of IBEW members that include his father, uncle, brothers, and cousins. Always wanting to give something back to his organization, Kevin applied to and was accepted into Local 25's Shop Steward Program. He strongly believes in education and decided to help Local 25's Apprenticeship Program by becoming an instructor in the school – a position which he held for seven years.

Kevin was appointed Shop Steward on many jobs for Local 25 including Airport Plaza in Farmingdale, Nordstrom's in Roosevelt Field and Belmont Racetrack. In 2002 he ran for the principal officer's position of Recording Secretary and was elected. In 2004, Business Manager Don Fiore asked him to come on staff as Local 25's Suffolk County Business Representative. He served in that capacity until Brother Fiore's retirement in December 2010 when he was unanimously selected by Local 25's Executive Board to finish out his term. In June of 2011, he won re-election to his position with an overwhelming vote of support. He has since won re-election in 2014 by running for his position unopposed.

Kevin and his wife Rosemary have been married for 40 years and have lived in Smithtown for over 35 years. Rosemary is a Consulting Dietitian. They are the proud parents of three lovely children. A son Ryan, who is a pilot for Delta Airlines, a daughter Erin, who works for the MTA in New York City and daughter Lauren, who works in the Disability Law field.

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## **Kenneth Henderson**

**Co-Founder & Partner**

*Prospect Realty Partners LLC*

Kenneth is a principal and Co-founder of Prospect Sports Partners and Prospect Realty Partners, New York based real estate development firms. The companies are responsible for over \$47MM in development since their inception. Specializing in ground-up developments and creating value through real estate. Originally a former professional baseball player with the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club, Kenneth was drafted in the 27th round of the 1999 free agent draft. He attended New York Institute of Technology on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in management. A graduate of St. Marys' High School where he was all-state in hockey. Kenneth currently lives in Mineola, New York, with his fiancé Kristen.

## **Curtis Kappauf**

**Director of Business Development**

*Construction Risk Partners*

Curtis joined Construction Risk Partners in 2014 as Director of Business Development. With over 15 years of experience he is the strategy leader in the development and growth of Construction Risk Partners sales operations nationally and globally, including business development, assisting clients in their growth and forming strategic relationships with Accounting Firms, Commercial Banks, Investment Firms and Law Firms. Curtis has built his career on hard work, determination and a passion for helping others.

## **Jim Kennedy**

**Chief Estimator**

*Haugland Group*

Jim Kennedy has more than 25 years of experience and is well versed in all aspects in the electrical construction industry. He has extensive experience with bid preparations, estimating, and management of industrial electrical projects.

As Chief Estimator with Haugland Energy Group, Mr. Kennedy is responsible for bid preparation and submission, and contract negotiation.

Mr. Kennedy received a degree in Construction and Architectural Engineering from the State University of New York at Farmingdale. He is a licensed Master Electrician in Suffolk County, New York, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Long Island Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA).

## **Haneef Khan**

**Project Manager-Capital Projects**

*Northwell Health*

Haneef Khan joined Northwell Health in July of 2017, and he is currently responsible for Northwell Health's Strategic Energy Efficiency Plan. Haneef is a Certified Energy Manager and LEED Green Associates. Haneef ensures to incorporate energy efficiency with electrical and mechanical systems which as a result leads to reducing Northwell Health energy costs and carbon footprint.

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## **Pradheep Kileti**

**Director, Future of Heat Engineering**

*National Grid*

Pradheep Kileti, PE is an energy leader with extensive experience in energy decarbonization, asset management, risk assessment & mitigation, and change transformation. As a director at National Grid, he creates and manages an integral sustainable energy plan driving towards net zero by 2050. He positions existing assets as well as future investments to deliver low carbon fuel including Hydrogen blended natural gas, Hydrogen and Biogas.

He leads an R&D lab of the future, accelerating the pathways of how to bring ideas to reality, focusing on innovation that will shape the future of energy delivery. He is a graduate of Hofstra University and Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

## **Michael Koontz**

**Senior Urban Design/Waterfront Planning Practice Leader**

*GEI Consultants, Inc. P.C.*

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## **Sarah Lansdale**

**AICP**

**Director of Planning**

Sarah Lansdale, AICP, is the newly appointed Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning. Prior to her new position, Sarah was Suffolk County's Director of Planning. She has more than 20 years of planning experience in the public and nonprofit sectors. Sarah works as part of the County's Reclaim Our Water team and oversees open space and farmland preservation efforts, the Aquaculture Lease Program, and the Suffolk County Planning Commission. A Suffolk County Landbank Corporation President and Executive Director, Ms. Lansdale facilitates the strategic development of the Brownfields Program. The Suffolk County Landbank has recovered over \$6 million in back taxes from 94 property owners, facilitated the redevelopment of 6 tax delinquent brownfield sites that were vacant for an average of 20 years, and is in the process of rehabbing 18 zombie homes for first-time home-buyers. Sarah also worked overseas as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala. Ms. Lansdale has a Master's degree in urban planning from New York University, an undergraduate degree in environmental studies, a certificate in nonprofit management from Columbia University, and she is a graduate of the Energeia Partnership at Molloy University.

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## **David Levine, Esq.**

**Principal**  
*The Par Group*

David Levine is a principal at The Par Group, New York's premier provider of plumbing, heating, air conditioning, fire protection and green solution services, where he oversees new construction and business development. Prior to joining The Par Group, David was employed by The Chetrit Group and was responsible for the development of the International Toy Center, 1200 Fifth Avenue, 738 Broadway and other landmark buildings. He was also Vice President of Operations and General Counsel at Davis & Partners, where he was responsible for overseeing day-to-day administrative functions for all Davis' properties, as well as holding the positions of President and Chief Operating Officer of the management company. Before joining Davis & Partners, David was a labor relations attorney for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He holds a B.A. in economics from Boston University and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law.

## **Neal Lewis**

**Executive Director**  
*Sustainability Institute at Molloy College*

Neal Lewis is an environmental attorney with over 30 years experience in not-for-profit advocacy on Long Island. Since 2009, Neal has been the executive director of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College, which coordinates the Long Island Clean Energy Leadership Task Force, Long Island Green Homes, The 12 Steps to an Organic Green Lawn educational series, and smart growth initiatives. Since 2018, Neal has also served as the Curriculum Director for the Energeia Partnership at Molloy College.

The Sustainability Institute is currently active regarding policy analysis on the Clean Energy Standard (NYS) and Renewing the Energy Vision (REV) and on related energy policies involving land use issues including solar PV, building efficiency codes, environmental review of proposed offshore wind projects and plans to increase availability of electric vehicle charging stations.

Neal along with Andrew Manitt, have co-authored several white papers on the need to set high energy efficiency performance standards in local building codes, and recently produced a white paper calling upon local governments to adopt a "solar mandate" for all newly built commercial buildings.

Neal currently serves as the Third-Vice Chair of the Nassau County Planning Commission, which he has served as a member of since 2003. Neal previously served as a trustee on the LIPA Board of Trustees (2009-2013). Neal is also an adjunct faculty member at Molloy where (along with Andrew Manitt), he teaches the class: Introduction to Sustainability.



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## **Susan Lienau**

**Community Engagement Manager**

*Equinor Renewables*

Susan manages external relations for the Empire and Beacon Wind projects, engaging with communities and stakeholders on Long Island. Susan has over 15 years experience working with communities, elected officials, and stakeholders across Long Island with extensive experience in the Capital Region and throughout New York. She previously worked for Discover Long Island where she developed community partnerships and engaged with the local communities and elected officials.

## **David Macedonio,**

**Chief Executive Officer**

*PE Professional Engineer (PE), States of NY, MA, MI, NC LKB Inc.*

Mr. Macedonio, Chief Executive Officer, has over 25 years of professional engineering experience which includes planning, design and project management for infrastructure and site development projects within the Tri-State region. He is also an accomplished leader in the engineering profession and works closely with local stakeholders and policy makers to provide guidance for current and future infrastructure investments.

He spent 9 years working at LKB as a Civil/Structural Engineer earlier in his career and has returned 15 years later to perform in an executive role as CEO. In addition to being appointed CEO at LKB, he has many years of experience with the leading and development of engineering staff, office operations, multi-discipline project teams, and business development teams for engineering services throughout the New York area. His strong leadership skills along with his technical background in planning, design and construction of roadways, bridges, railways, transportation facilities, site development, green infrastructure, energy, utilities, and flood protection allow him to be an influential adviser and leader for driving new growth opportunities for Long Island and the surrounding area.

Mr. Macedonio is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and is recognized as an accomplished engineer in the industry. He was awarded the ACEC 2015 NYC Platinum Award for Highway Project – Project Manager, MTA B&T Verrazano Toll Plaza Improvements; the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Long Island Branch 2011 Frank Patti Award; and the New York State Society of Professional Engineers (NYSSPE) 2009 Service Award. In addition, he has given technical project presentations at NYSSPE and New York State Association of Transportation Engineers (NYSATE) conferences.

## **Michael L. McCarthy**

**LEED AP, General Counsel**

*Michael L. McCarthy, P.C.*

Michael L. McCarthy is admitted to practice law in all Courts of the State of New York and the State of Florida. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Florida State Bar Association and the Suffolk County Bar Association. Additionally, he is admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of New York.

Mr. McCarthy is a former Assistant Suffolk County Attorney. From March, 1987 through January, 1992, he was an Assistant Huntington Town Attorney, representing the Planning

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Board, the Office of the Assessor and the Town of Huntington in various municipal and litigation capacities.

Mr. McCarthy concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal law, land use and development, real estate, environmental law and related litigation. As an attorney with over 25 years experience, Mr. McCarthy appears regularly to present applications on behalf of clients and developers before the various boards and agencies in the Towns and Villages of Suffolk County and Nassau County, New York.

Mr. McCarthy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk, Inc., is a member of the 2010 graduating class of the Molloy College Emergeia Partnership, a member of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce and is active in his parish.

## **Pete Mladinich**

**Manager of the Distribution System and Distributed Resource Oversight**  
*Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)*

Pete Mladinich is a Utility Subject Matter Expert with 34 years of experience in Transmission and Distribution operational leadership and management. He currently serves as Manager of the Distribution System and Distributed Resource Oversight for the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA).

Mr. Mladinich monitors and reviews LIPA's service provider's interconnection processes ensuring clean energy technologies are deployed in accordance with New York State laws and regulations, including the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the Clean Energy Standard. He oversees the development of clean energy projects by the Utility of the Future team and the Utility 2.0 team.

Known for strategic implementation of savings associated with Business Cost Optimization, Mr. Mladinich has demonstrated expertise in leading organizations, labor relations, developing customer centered teams, and cultures – finding innovative ways to benefit both the customer and the company.

Applying LIPA's corporate strategy to be Clean, Lean, and Customer-First, Mr. Mladinich is focused on improving the interconnection process through evolving technologies such as Hosting Capacity maps and the Interconnection Portal. He is also responsible for Emergency Preparedness Oversight activities including, drill oversight, field oversight of the service provider during storm and post-storm after action reviews.

Mr. Mladinich holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from The Catholic University of America and a Certificate in Electric Distribution Systems from PTI. He is a member of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Power & Energy Society (PES) and Oceanic Engineering Society (OES).

## **Molly Morrissey**

**Project Manager**

**PE, LEED AP LEED-AP, New York State Registered Engineer #105423**

*EW Howell*

Mrs. Morrissey has 8 years of experience in the construction industry as an Project Manager and as a LEED Accredited Professional. In her role as Project Manager / LEED Accredited

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Professional, she is responsible for coordinating project execution in conformity with drawings and specifications, processing submittals, expediting materials, project scheduling, purchasing materials, general administration, and owner/architect liaison.

## **Matt Palladino**

**LEED AP BD+C**

**Chief Estimator and Procurement**

*Leon D. DeMatteis Construction Corp.*

Matthew Palladino is the Chief Estimator and Procurement at Leon D. DeMatteis Construction Corp., and former Director of Sustainability at EW Howell. He supervises all elements of the construction process from project award to project delivery. Mr. Palladino has been a LEED AP, BD+C since 2013 and an active member of the USGBC- LI chapter. In this position, Mr. Palladino has assisted EW Howell in their sustainability efforts on multiple projects, as well as working with others in the company interested in pursuing their LEED accreditation. Since 2007, EW Howell has completed over a dozen LEED certified projects, at various levels of certification, including the Stony Brook Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center which earned Platinum certification, and several projects at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

## **Nicholas Paulicelli**

**Executive Vice President**

*Premier Mechanical Services*

Nicholas Paulicelli is the Executive Vice President of Premier Mechanical Services, a commercial/industrial based mechanical company that has contributed to the HVAC systems of nearly every hospital, university, school district and airport on Long Island; as well as many located in the five boroughs. Nick has worked for Premier Mechanical since 2005, while attending Local 638, The Steamfitters Union, apprenticeship program, which he successfully completed in 2009 graduating with an Associate's Degree and as a certified welder.

Prior to joining Local 638, Nick graduated from Lindenhurst Senior High School with honors in 2007 and entered the 5-year NYS joint apprenticeship program the following year. While working for Premier, Nick continued taking various trade and engineering classes, furthering his education in the Mechanical Field, providing him the knowledge to move into the more technical aspects of the business. He has engineered many large public projects, enabling the State, along with various municipalities, to move forward with projects that otherwise would not have commenced due to funding and design issues.

Nick specializes in healthcare design & construction. During the COVID-19 crisis, Nick played a critical role in providing safe, filtered air for hospital staff working in contained COVID areas at several major hospitals on Long Island. He designed air filtration systems to keep not only the hospital staff safe, but to help prevent the spread of infection to non-covid hospital patients. Nick also holds various safety and engineering certifications as well as being licensed with several Long Island municipalities and the county for both HVAC and electrical.

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## **Neil Rosen**

**LEED Fellow, AIA, CEM**  
**Director of Sustainability**  
*Grin Sustainability*

Mr. Rosen is a New York State Registered Architect, LEED Fellow, LEED Accredited Professional, and a Certified Energy Manager with over 30 years experience in the design, construction and operation of healthcare facilities in the New York City area. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Energy Management.

Neil is the Chairman of the Water Efficiency Technical Advisory Group for USGBC National. He is a Founding Board Member of the Long Island Geothermal Exchange Organization. Previously, Mr. Rosen served as a Board Member as well as being a Past Treasurer for the USGBC-LI Chapter. To date he has successfully led his team to 16 LEED certifications including 2 at the Platinum level and 4 at the Gold level.

Mr. Rosen also serves as an instructor for SUNY Stony Brook's Advanced Energy Training Institute, teaching courses in Construction Management and Sustainability. He served as Project Team Administrator for the Katz Women's Hospital at North Shore-3rd and 4th Floors, 2 of only 5 Inpatient Hospitals in the world to be awarded LEED Platinum.

## **Brian R. Sahn**

**Partner**  
*Forchelli, Deegan, Terrana, LLP*

Brian R. Sahn (J.D. Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; B.A. University of Michigan) is a partner in Forchelli, Deegan, & Terrana, LLP's Real Estate Practice Group where he broadly concentrates his practice in all facets of commercial real estate transactions, including representing clients in purchase and sale agreements; financing transactions; industrial/economic development projects; and commercial lease agreements in the office, retail and industrial markets. Brian also has extensive experience in real estate brokerage matters, including real estate portfolio management service agreements, lease administration agreements and disputes over commissions and entitlements, and has worked extensively with client's involving contaminated and environmentally challenged sites. Brian also represents several large public and private companies in the management, disposition and acquisition of corporate real estate holdings. In addition, he represents many clients in connection with ground-up real estate development projects, and institutional lenders in commercial real estate and multi-family loan transactions.

Brian manages his law firm's "green" and "sustainable" initiatives, and oversees his firm's LEED certification process for its Uniondale office. Mr. Sahn has been awarded a peer-rated "AV" legal ability and ethics rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory – the very highest rating this nationally recognized publication has established, and has been named to the 2014 New York Metro Super Lawyers list.



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## **Sean Sallie**

**Director of Planning & Development**

*Heatherwood Luxury Rentals*

Sean E. Sallie serves as the Director of Planning & Development at Heatherwood Luxury Rentals in Commack NY since May 2022, where he is involved in advancing multiple family residential development projects from planning through entitlement. Prior to joining Heatherwood, Mr. Sallie served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Nassau County Department of Public Works.

Mr. Sallie has nearly 20 years of experience managing complex infrastructure improvements, renewable energy generation projects, community development initiatives and environmental impact analyses. Mr. Sallie oversaw the Department of Public Works' Mobility Planning and Design Program, Resiliency and Sustainability Infrastructure Program, and the Division of Planning which serves as staff to the Nassau County Planning Commission. During his tenure with the Nassau County Department of Public Works, Mr. Sallie embraced a collaborative and inclusive approach to implementing municipal/public-sector infrastructure investment, community revitalization policy and real estate development.

Specific to TOD and downtown revitalization, Mr. Sallie managed various successful initiatives, such as the Nassau County Station-Area Infill Redevelopment Study, Baldwin Downtown Revitalization Action Plan, Nassau County Shared Mobility Management Plan, Nassau Hub Transit Initiative, 2010 Nassau County Master Plan, as well as various mixed-use/multi-family redevelopment public/private partnerships. During his time overseeing the Nassau County Planning Commission, Mr. Sallie gained broad experience in the real estate entitlement process, including local zoning ordinances and permitting protocols, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as participation in the ever-evolving local and regional policy debates/conflicts surrounding TOD and multiple-family housing in suburban/urban-fringe settings.

Mr. Sallie received a B.A. in Physical Geography and Environmental Systems from the University at Buffalo and a M.S. in Environmental Management and Planning from Long Island University. Mr. Sallie is accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and served on the American Planning Association New York Metro Chapter Executive Committee as the Director of the Long Island Section from 2015 - 2020. Since 2018, Mr. Sallie has served as Adjunct Professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University where he teaches a systems approach to land use planning, public policy and infrastructure development. Mr. Sallie a member of the Energeia Partnership, Class of 2018.

Mr. Sallie resides in Rockville Centre, NY with his wife, Vanessa, and two sons, Henry and Harrison.

## **Andrew Solano**

**Managing Partner Emtec**

*Emtec Consulting Engineers*

For over 40 years, Emtec has specialized in a spectrum of engineering needs, offering high-quality services coupled with a technical approach to our clients' mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) requirements. Emtec has established a strong foothold throughout New Jersey, New York (Long Island and Queens), and the Tri-state area designing multifamily

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developments, healthcare facilities, and industrial warehousing and distribution facilities. Constantly working to stay ahead of the curve, Emtec has also built a niche in engineering and design expertise in film studio facilities in Jersey City, Brooklyn, and New York.

For over 12 years, Andrew .J Solano has been establishing Emtec Consulting Engineers as a partner of choice, through his work, relationship management and knowledge in the space. His role as head of business development grew the corporation and brand significantly, expanding the company footprint beyond New York, into New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Missouri. Recently made Partner at the firm, Mr. Solano has taken on the added responsibilities of office over-site, managing staff and mentoring junior engineers. He is an emerging leader who is influencing Emtec's corporate culture as the "place to be"-establishing a workplace with ownership and interdependence surrounded by hard working professionals across disciplines.

## **Anthony Villa** **Business Manager**

### *North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters*

Anthony Villa was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. At an early age Anthony learned the meaning of hard work and the importance of trade unions from his parents and grandparents. Anthony's grandparents came to America from Sicily. Like many before who came to our country looking for a better life, his grandfather immediately joined a trade union, the Bricklayers Union, and used this special skill to provide the best life for his family. Anthony's father then worked as a high school teacher in Brooklyn, a member of Local 1261 for 41 years, while his mother also worked as a teacher in the union system. Hard work was the road to success and it is a message Anthony carries and still preaches to his union brothers today.

Anthony attended Fordham University in the Bronx and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While in school during the Summer of 1999, Anthony decided to join the Carpenters Local Union 11 in Hawthorne, NY. He went on to finish his degree by enrolling in night classes, so he would be able to work at his trade with the Carpenter's Union during the day.

Anthony worked his way up from being an Apprentice, to Shop Steward, to Foreman where he was responsible for some of the largest projects in Westchester County and New York City. In 2013, he was hired as a Council Representative for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and was stationed on Long Island, New York with Local 290. Anthony was elected to the Executive Board of Carpenters Local 290 in 2015 where he currently serves as Recording Secretary. Anthony has just been named Director of the Long Island Carpenters Union.

In addition to his union life, Anthony is extremely active in his community and dedicated to making a difference in young people's lives through volunteering and by working with his local neighborhood associations. The charitable contributions and work he has played a role in, while being a leader in the North Atlantic States Regional Carpenters Local, has positively affected and influenced the lives of countless young people in the NY Metropolitan area. Anthony has been married for 12 years to his wife Catia who is a registered dental hygienist. They have two children, their 9-year-old son Anthony, and 7-year-old son Francesco.

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## **Hon. Paul J. Tonna**

### **Executive Director**

*Former Suffolk County Presiding Officer*

Paul Tonna is a former health care executive, elected official and university adjunct professor. Paul currently serves as executive director of Molloy College's leadership academy The Enegeia Partnership, Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA), and the United States Green Building Council- Long Island Chapter (USGBC-LI). He serves on a number of boards and commissions, including: Chairman, South Huntington Water District; Founding Director, Empire National Bank; Trustee; both the LI Index & Erase Racism's Advisory Boards; Former Chairman, Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Long Island Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Former Vice-Chair, LI Regional Planning Commission.

Paul earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from New York University, a master's degree in theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary and conducted doctoral studies in systematic theology at Fordham University. He has received numerous awards and honors, including: Molloy College's Caritas Medal; St. John's University St. Vincent DePaul Medal; Suffolk County Human Rights Commission Legislator of the Year Award; Networking Magazine's David Award; and the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Tonna resides in West Hills, New York with his wife and eight children.

## **Beth Fiteni**

### **Managing Director**

Elisabeth (Beth) Fiteni is managing director of the US Green Building Council-LI, and program coordinator for the Drive Electric Long Island Coalition. She has twenty five years of experience working in the environmental movement for non-profit organizations in DC and NY. She has worked at the NYS Department of Public Service on clean energy policy, Sustainability Institute at Molloy College, Renewable Energy Long Island, Community Development Corporation of LI under a contract with NYSERDA, and Beyond Pesticides. She is the author of the book, "The Green Wardrobe Guide - Finding EcoChic Fashions that Look Great and Help Save the Planet."

She founded the nonprofit Green Inside and Out in 2011 and hosted a monthly radio show on WUSB Stony Brook University radio for 7 years. She now hosts a monthly environmental podcast. Both the radio show and podcast have won multiple awards from the Press Club of LI. Fiteni was awarded the LI Sierra Club Environmentalist of the Year in 2017 and the EPA's Environmental Quality award in 2010. Beth offered a TEDx Talk at Adelphi University in 2018 entitled, "The Toxic Talk - Your Power Over Pollutants." She is a graduate of the Enegeia Partnership at Molloy College, Class of 2008, and has been featured in media outlets such as News 12, Fios 1, WNBC Channel 4, and Newsday. Beth has a Master's Degree in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Connecticut College.

# USGBC-LI COMMITTEES

USGBC-LI is run by a network of committees, each of which is dedicated to a specific area of managing chapter activities and promoting green building in our communities.

## Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee works with local towns, municipalities, and all interested parties in advocating for the transformation of the way buildings are designed, constructed, and operated to enable an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life for all Long Islanders. We are committed to working with our fellow Long Islanders to improve our quality of life by improving the quality of the structures we build, and the environment in which we all live, work, and play. We espouse the belief that greening the built environment will lead to the restoration of the natural environment, enrich communities, and strengthen the economy. When you build green, everyone profits.

**Sammy Chu | Co-Chair**

**Neil Rosen | Co-Chair**

**Gregory DeRosa | Co-Chair**

**Paul Meyer | Co-Chair**

**Neal Lewis | Co-Chair**

## East End

Our East End Committee serves the six eastern townships of Riverhead, Southold, Greenport, Shelter island, Southampton and East Hampton. The Committee is committed to upholding the vision, mission, challenges, principles, goals and objectives of the USGBC-LI Chapter as it relates to building on the East End.

The East End has 1,200 miles of shoreline located at “ground zero” for climate change issues such as rising sea levels, adverse weather patterns, flooding and wind damage. The Committee members seek to participate with USGBC-LI Chapter and USGBC National to address policy issues on climate change for coastal areas including long term planning for sea level rise. We seek to move beyond sustainability, towards the resilience of built systems by defining resilience in terms of LEED certification. With a higher percentage of residential development and renovation on the East End the Committee is keenly focused on LEED for Homes. Led by Michael Gianchetta, the Committee advocates the importance, awareness and education of sustainability, survivability and green building on the East End.

**Michael Gianchetta | Co-Chair**

## Education

The role of the Education Committee is to provide educational content and programs while supporting preparation for the USGBC LEED Professional Accreditation exam(s) and for knowledge and understanding of the LEED rating system, integrated sustainable design, and green building practices. For information regarding joining this committee, or to learn more about LEED, please contact:

**Neil Rosen | Co-Chair**

**Rich Manning | Co-Chair**

# USGBC-LI COMMITTEES

## Programs

The Programs Committee develops, organizes and coordinates “Sustainable Programs,” a series of regular informational and educational morning salons, evening seminars, panel discussions, national workshops and special events. The Committee is the central point of coordination and logistics for all programs planned by the Committee and supports program content created by other committees, external associations and corporate sponsors. It serves as the nerve center for developing, planning and executing all events through content development that engages a broad audience including general membership and non-members.

**Victor DaCosta | Chair**

**Patti Posillico | Vice-Chair**

## Sustainable Transportation

Transportation and parking policies have a large environmental, economic and social impact. Transportation is a major contributor to air pollution and greenhouse gasses; 27% of U.S. greenhouse gasses are from transportation. Transportation also represents 28% of total energy consumed in the US. In fact, the amount of energy used by employees getting to work is often equal to the amount they consume at work. Transportation is also a significant factor in LEED certification with the ability to earn up to 17 transportation related points.

The Sustainable Transportation Committee seeks to address these and other transportation issues. The mission of the committee is to educate our USGBC-LI members and the public on the impact of transportation on the environment and best practices for sustainable transportation including the implementation of workplace travel plans that incorporate effective transportation demand management and parking management strategies. Through seminars and advocacy, we hope to transform the way transportation is viewed by buildings and communities on Long Island in order to improve our air quality, reduce greenhouse emissions and unclog our roadways.

**Rosemary Mascali | LEED-AP O+M | Co-Chair**

**Melanie Morris | Co-Chair**



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UNITED STATES GREEN  
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## 10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



MONDAY,  
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10:00am - Breakfast, Registration and Practice Swings

11:00am - Shotgun Start

3:30pm - Golf Awards and Late Lunch

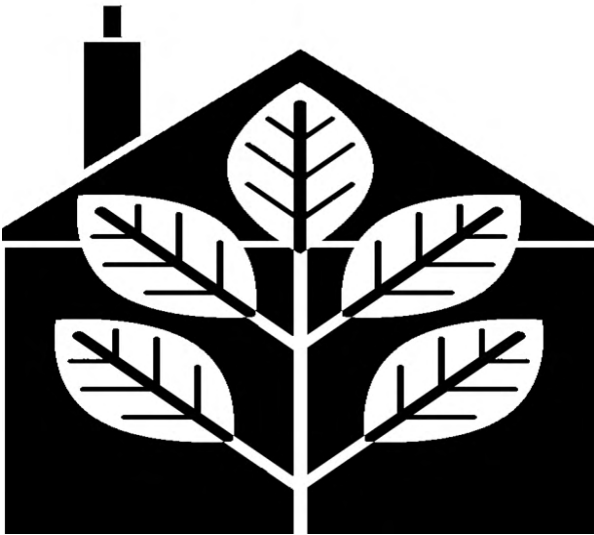
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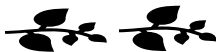
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SENATOR MARIO R. MATTERA



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