

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



**JULY 19-20, 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 NORMA--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 - **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**



AGENDA, DAY 2

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

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, MPEA Board*

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

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.

MODERATOR

Paul 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 SPEAKER

The 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 HOWARD**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 GRA AWARDS COMPETITION**2:15 p.m. - **ADJOURN**