

About Our Speakers

Paul Altieri

Paul Altieri is the Director of Manufacturing for Dr. Schar USA, Europe's market leader for gluten free food products. He is establishing manufacturing capabilities for gluten free products using state of the art production methods within a new plant being built in southern New Jersey. Paul previously held leadership positions within Supply Chain, Manufacturing and R&D for a large specialty food ingredients company. He has been recognized as an inventor on 28 US patents for both food and industrial applications. Paul received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross, a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Science degree in Management of Technologies from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Toney Anaya

Toney Anaya is Director, Public Affairs and Communications for Coca-Cola Refreshments (CCR) with responsibility for local, state, and federal governmental and regulatory affairs in the Northeast. He also activates many of Coca-Cola's sustainability initiatives in the region. Toney is the former Chief of Staff of the NM State Senate and a 1995 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. He lives in Medford Lakes, NJ.

Peter J. Cocozziello



Peter is President and CEO of Advance Realty, which he founded in 1979 with its headquarters office located in Bedminster, NJ. Today, Advance is a Northeast and Mid-Atlantic U.S. owner and developer of Class A office properties and mixed-use developments. With a 5 million square foot portfolio in New Jersey and the Washington DC region, Advance is an integrated real estate firm focusing on development, corporate build-to-suit projects, property management, community redevelopment, and construction/asset management. Peter's mission for Advance is "to be the premier developer of creative real estate solutions." Peter is very active both professionally

and personally and serves and or Chairs several Boards such as New Jersey Network Foundation (PBS); Italian American Heritage Foundation, NJ Chamber of Commerce and The Smeal Business School at Penn State University and the New Jersey Chapter World Presidents Organization.

Albert Coutinho



Democrat Albert Coutinho, of Newark, was first sworn into the New Jersey General Assembly on May 22, 1997, filling the unexpired term of Jackie R. Mattison. Mr. Coutinho was elected to his first full term on November 6, 2007 and represents the 29th Legislative District, which includes Hillside Township in Union County; and a portion of the City of Newark in Essex County. Albert is the first Portuguese – American to serve and be elected to the NJ State Assembly. He is the Chairman of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. His passion has been in the areas of cultural preservation and youth services. As executive director of the Coutinho Foundation along with his parents, Al runs the Portugal Day Festival, which

has become the largest ethnic festival in the State of NJ, attracting annually, approximately one million people to the city of Newark. Albert is also chairman of the Ironbound Soccer Club, which services over one-thousand children. Assemblyman Coutinho received his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance and his Master of Business Administration in international economics and organizational behavior from New York University.

Aaron R. Fichtner, Ph.D.



Dr. Fichtner is responsible for program planning and analysis, labor market and demographic research, and career and occupational information for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Under his direction, the Labor Planning and Analysis (LPA) unit collects, disseminates and analyzes employment, economic, and population data and career information. Prior to joining NJLWD in 2010, Dr. Fichtner was the Director of Research and Evaluation at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. He has also worked in the field of economic development in Jersey City, NJ and Atlanta, GA. Dr. Fichtner earned his Ph.D. in

Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, his Master's degree in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.A. in History from Vassar College.

David Fisher



David Fisher is Vice President of Governmental Affairs for K. Hovnanian Homes, and has been with the company since 1993 serving in a similar capacity with The Matzel & Mumford Organization (an acquired homebuilding company) during most of that time. Dave's responsibilities include governmental affairs & public relations activities for K. Hovnanian's NJ, NY and PA operations. As a land use planner with 30+ years of development experience, he continues to assist the company with land acquisition activities, the planning and design of new communities, urban redevelopment work, and regulatory approvals. Mr. Fisher holds a masters degree in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati, and has been a licensed Professional Planner in the State of NJ since 1986.

Darren Hammell



Mr. Hammell is the Co-founder and Executive Vice President of Business Development of Princeton Power Systems. Mr. Hammell graduated with honors from Princeton University with a B.S.E. in Computer Science. After winning first place in the 2001 Princeton University Business Plan Contest, he co-founded Princeton Power Systems. He was named one of Red Herring Magazine's "Young Moguls" in 2005 and NJ-BIZ's "Forty Under 40" business leaders in New Jersey the same year. He is a member of the State of New Jersey's Clean Energy/Clean Technology Industry Workforce Advisory Council and a Founding Trustee of the non-profit New Jersey Solar Industry Manufacturer's Association.

James W. Hughes, Ph.D.



Dr. James W. Hughes is the Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, appointed to that position in 1995. He has been a member of the faculty since 1971. In addition, since 1988 he has also been the Director of the Rutgers Regional Report which, during its 23-year tenure, has produced 35 major economic/demographic/housing studies on New Jersey and the New York region. In 2009, the name was changed to Advance & Rutgers Report, a new partnership forged with Advance Realty. Dr. Hughes is a nationally-recognized academic expert on demographics, housing, and regional economics, and was a contributing editor to AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS from 1982 to 1996. He is author or co-author of 33 books and monographs and more than 150 articles, generally focusing on housing, demographics and economic development patterns. He has

provided extensive budgetary and economic testimony before many New Jersey State Legislative committees, and has provided numerous policy briefings both in Washington and Trenton on demographics, housing and the economy.

Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr.



Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr. has advised public and private sector clients regarding environmental and infrastructure-related issues for more than forty years and has successfully litigated matters involving a wide variety of redevelopment and environmental laws and regulations. He is active in professional and civic organizations regarding the environment. A graduate of Fordham College and Fordham Law School, he has served on the Supreme Court committee on Environmental Litigation, was the founding chair of the Morris County Bar Association Environmental Law Committee, and is an associate of the Environmental Law Institute.

Stefan Pryor



Stefan Pryor is Deputy Mayor for Economic Development in the City of Newark. In that capacity, he oversees the City offices responsible for economic development, city planning, and housing, among other areas. Before his appointment to this post, Pryor served as President of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. In that capacity, he served as the agency's chief executive. The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation was created in the aftermath of September 11th by the State and City of New York to plan and help coordinate the physical rebuilding and economic revitalization of Lower Manhattan. Pryor was the first employee of the LMDC, which was formed in November of 2001, and he served in a number of leadership capacities before serving as its President. Pryor previously served as a Vice President at the Partnership for New York City (where he worked from 1998 to 2001). The Partnership is the NYC's leading business organization. At the Partnership, Pryor led the organization's public education efforts and served as Executive Director of its main school reform program. After September 11th, Pryor helped coordinate the Partnership's efforts to get downtown businesses up and running again. Pryor helped found ReStart Central, which provided donated and discounted goods and services to 9/11-affected businesses. From 1994 to 1997, Pryor served as Policy Advisor to the Mayor of New Haven, Connecticut. Pryor is a co-founder and was the first Board President of Amistad Academy, a highly acclaimed charter school in New Haven. Amistad's expansion organization, Achievement First, has opened additional schools in New Haven and in Brooklyn, NY.

Timothy J. Touhey



Tim Touhey is the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President of the New Jersey Builders Association where he leads the statewide Association's member education and advocacy initiatives particularly relating to Association governance, plus regulatory and legislative affairs. Under his direction, the Association has established greater relevance within the legislative and regulatory arenas, and broadened its scope to be of even better service to the industry and its membership in the short- and long-term. Mr. Touhey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice from Mount Mercy College and received a master's degree in Social Work Policy/Administration from the Rutgers Graduate

School of Social Work.

Lucy Vandenberg, PP, AICP



Lucy I. Vandenberg, PP, AICP, is the newly appointed Executive Director of PlanSmart NJ and has a broad background in land use planning, community development, housing, and urban revitalization. Lucy Vandenberg most recently served as Planning and Redevelopment Aide for Mayor Dana L. Redd in the City of Camden. Her focus included creating new energy-efficiency programs for the City and developing an abandoned properties strategy. Previous to this, Ms. Vandenberg was the Executive Director of the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) from 2003 until 2010, where she supervised a staff of 25. Ms. Vandenberg reviewed and approved municipal affordable housing plans and local land use ordinances for over 300 municipalities participating with COAH, the state agency

established by the NJ Fair Housing Act of 1985 to implement the Mt. Laurel Supreme Court affordable housing decisions. Earlier in her career, she served as the Senior Policy Advisor for housing and urban revitalization in Governor James E. McGreevey's administration. From 1997 to 2002, Ms. Vandenberg worked in the non-profit sector, serving as the Associate Director of the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ, a statewide association of affordable housing and community development organizations working to build communities. She is a licensed professional planner and has a master's degree from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Ms. Vandenberg is a member of the Board of Directors of Preservation New Jersey and was recently appointed by County Executive Brian M. Hughes to serve as a member of the Mercer County Open Space Preservation Board. Ms. Vandenberg resides in the historic Mill Hill district of Trenton with her partner and two children.

Peter Visceglia

Peter Visceglia is the President of Federal Business Centers, Inc. (“FBC”). FBC is a family owned real estate development firm based in Edison, New Jersey. The firm’s primary development focus is the Raritan Center Business Park in Middlesex County. Raritan Center is a mixed-use business park, encompassing approximately 2,350 acres of land, over 100 buildings, and approximately 14 million square feet of industrial, flex, office, and retail space. Mr. Visceglia is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.