

*Bios of Keynote Speakers at Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy Policy Forum:  
"New York's Cities: Confronting Income Inequality"*

*Mayor Svante L. Myrick*

Svante L. Myrick was sworn into office in January 2012 and, at 24, became the City of Ithaca's youngest mayor and first mayor of color. The Mayor was first elected to the Common Council at the age of 20 while still a junior at Cornell University.

His first budget included a radical overhaul of City government that merged departments, streamlined processes and was able to successfully close a \$3 million deficit – all while delivering the lowest tax increase in the City of Ithaca since the year 2000.

Mayor Myrick's active advocacy in Albany and in Washington D.C. has resulted in over \$20 million of grants and awards from the state and federal government.

His recent accomplishments include revisions to the City of Ithaca's sidewalk policy, an overhaul of storm water utility legislation, successful implementation of the total rehabilitation of the Commons, Ithaca's downtown pedestrian mall, and changes within the Ithaca Police Department in an effort to improve police and community relations.

*Mayor Kathy M. Sheehan*

On January 1, 2014, Kathy M. Sheehan became the first woman mayor in Albany's history. Previously, she served as Albany's Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer. In that role she modernized the City's tax collection system and completely overhauled its parking ticket system. Mayor Sheehan serves on the Boards of the Central Avenue and Downtown Business Improvement Districts, Albany Industrial Development Agency and Albany Community Development Agency. She is also a founding member of the Albany Promise, a coalition of community members, educators, service providers and business leaders working to ensure that every child in the City of Albany succeeds academically.

Mayor Sheehan grew up in a family that valued hard work and community service. She put herself through college, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism. After a five year career in communications, Sheehan returned to school in 1991, attending Albany Law School and graduated magna cum laude in 1994.

She began her legal career as an attorney in the Albany office of Bond, Schoeneck & King. In 1996, she joined Intermagnetics General Corporation, a leading medical device manufacturer based in Latham. As vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary, Mayor Sheehan helped grow the company from 500 employees to more than 1,200 and from \$90 million to more than \$300 million in sales. In 2006, she worked to negotiate the \$1.3 billion acquisition of Intermagnetics by its largest customer, Philips Medical Systems.

## *Mayor Lovely A. Warren*

Lovely A. Warren is the first female mayor in the City of Rochester, the second African-American mayor, and Rochester's youngest mayor in modern times.

Mayor Warren's goals are to improve educational outcomes for City students, increase economic development, improve public safety and community/police relations, and close the gaps and disparities that plague many parts of the City.

Noting that improving educational outcomes is at the crux of many of the City's most pressing challenges, Warren has made education a focal point of her tenure as mayor. She frequently visits the City's schools to interact with students and encourage them to stay in school and reach for the stars.

Prior to becoming mayor, Warren was elected in 2007 to the Northeast District seat on the City Council. In 2010, she was elected by her colleagues to serve as President – making her the youngest City Council President in Rochester's history.

Warren is past president of the Rochester Black Bar Association. Her work in government and in the community has been recognized by the City of Rochester Black Heritage Pioneer Award, RBJ's "Forty Under Forty," Daily Record's "Up and Coming Attorneys," and Democrat & Chronicle's "Emerging African-American Leaders."

Warren was born and raised in the City of Rochester, and is a graduate of Wilson Magnet High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School of Union University. She and her husband, Timothy Granison, are parents to a daughter, Taylor.

## *Mike Konczal*

Mike Konczal is a fellow with the Roosevelt Institute, where he works on financial reform, unemployment, inequality, and a progressive vision of the economy. His blog, Rortybomb, was named one of the 25 Best Financial Blogs by *Time Magazine*. His writing has appeared in *Boston Review*, *The American Prospect*, *Washington Monthly*, *The Nation*, *Slate*, and *Dissent*, and he's appeared on *PBS NewsHour*, *MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show*, *CNN*, *Marketplace*, and more.