

Biography

Mitchell H. Pally

Mr. Pally was selected as the Chief Executive Officer of the Long Island Builders Institute in December 2010. The Long Island Builders Institute is the largest home building trade association in New York State, representing all parts of the home construction industry. Since 2005, Mr. Pally has also been the Suffolk County representative to the Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the largest mass transit operator in the world.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Pally was the partner in charge of government relations for the Weber Law group, one of Long Island's leading real estate law firms.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Pally served as the Vice-President for Governmental Affairs for the Long Island Association from 1992 to 2006. He was responsible for all governmental and community activities of the Association. Mr. Pally was associated with the LIA since August 1985 when he was appointed Director of Legislative and Economic Affairs. Established in 1926, the LIA is the region's largest business and civic organization with more than 3,000 member firms and organizations employing more than 400,000 people.

Prior to his service with the LIA, Mr. Pally held a number of positions in the New York State Legislature. From 1975 to 1983, Mr. Pally served in various capacities to the New York State Senate Committee on Transportation and the Legislative Commission on Critical Transportation Choices. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Pally was the Chief Counsel to the Committee and the Commission. During his service to the Senate, Mr. Pally played a key role in the drafting and passage of such important transportation legislation as the first in the nation seatbelt law, child restraint law, the Transportation Bond Issues of 1983 and 1979, reserved parking spaces for disabled drivers and others.

Current State/County Positions:

2005-Present June 9, 2005- Mr. Pally was nominated by Governor George Pataki and confirmed by the New York State Senate as the representative of Suffolk County to the board of Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the nation's largest transportation authority upon the recommendation of Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy

2006-2007 Temporary State Commission and the Future New York State Power Program; selected by Assembly Minority Leader

2009-Present and 2004-2005 Served as member of the Presidential Search Committee for President of Suffolk County Community College.

2006-: Governor Elect Elliot Spitzer Transition team; advisor of transportation

2001-Present: Selected by State Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno as a member of the board of the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology & Innovation

1997-Present: Chair of the Suffolk County Electrical Agency; served as a member since 1988

Since 1995-Present: Mr. Pally serves as the New York State representative to the Central Pine Barrens Credit Clearinghouse which administers the Pine Barrens Credit Program.

Board of Directors (Present):

Automobile Club of New York
League of Conservation Voters (L.I. Chapter)
Erase Racism
Sustainable Long Island

Member (Present):

Central Pine Barrens Advisory Commission
State Commissioner of Transportation Master Plan Advisory Commission
Long Island Expressway/HOV Task Force
Suffolk County Workforce Housing Commission
Brookhaven Open Space Council
Nassau County Workforce Housing Commission
Suffolk County @ Work Commission
Nassau County Transportation Commission

Served as a Member:

Three Village Central School District- 1999-2005
BOCES Task Force on Education Consolidation (co-chair)
Long Island Sports Commission
LI Transportation Management
MTA Task Force on Fare Policy
National Urban League-Long Island Chapter
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County
Advisory Council of the W. Averell Harriman School of Management
Nassau/Suffolk Health Systems Agency Manpower Plan
Calverton Joint Use Citizens Advisory Council
Long Island Economic/Environmental Roundtable
Town of Huntington Open Space Council
Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve Council
Nassau Hub Advisory Council
Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency

In 1997, Mr. Pally was selected as the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the Long Island Empire State Games, which brought over 6,000 athletes to Long Island in 1999, the first and only time the Games were held on Long Island in its 30 year history.

Mr. Pally served as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook from 1989 to 2008. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at Suffolk County Community College. He is a 1974 graduate of the State of New York at Cortland and holds a 1977 law degree from the Albany Law School of Union University.

Mr. Pally served as a member of the Three Villages Soccer Club since 1985 and as President of the club from 1994-2004 and from 2010 to present. He was instrumental in the development of the Three Village Soccer Park on the Stony Brook University Campus, the finest club operated facility on Long Island.

Mr. Pally is married to the former Nancy Carroll. They have four children: Alison a 2001 graduate of Syracuse University and 2004 graduate of Columbia Law School, Emily a 2005 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a 2008 graduate of Quinnipiac University, Stephanie a 2007 graduate of Boston College and a 2010 graduate of Boston University and Brian a 2010 graduate of Gettysburg College and a 2012 graduate of Hofstra University.