

Michael W. Freimuth

Michael W. Freimuth has been the Executive Director of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) since its creation in 2012. He oversees CRDA's entertainment and convention facilities, housing and commercial development programs and regional initiatives. Mr. Freimuth has over 30 years in real estate, finance, banking, and public sector development.

Prior to joining CRDA, he served as Commissioner of Development for the City of New Rochelle, NY. In that position, Freimuth oversaw housing, building, planning, zoning, economic development, transportation and parking as well as special projects.

Freimuth also served as the Director of Economic Development for the City of Stamford, Ct where he negotiated large scale commercial and residential deals, secured project financing and managed the enterprise zone, entertainment district and multiple tax incentive programs. Freimuth also served as Director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Bridgeport, CT, was a senior legislative assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington DC and managed a real estate subsidiary of a mutual savings bank headquartered in Connecticut.

Freimuth earned his Bachelors of Art degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut and holds a Master of Public Administration and Public Finance from the George Washington University.

A few of Mr. Freimuth's awards include the Public Service Award from the Connecticut Secretary of State, a Citation of Outstanding Achievement from the Connecticut General Assembly, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from George Washington University. Mr. Freimuth was also a Presidential Intern. He has been a part of American teams assisting Eastern European countries establish economic development programs and was recently voted as one of the 'Five people to watch in Hartford' in 2013.

He lives with his family in Fairfield, CT.