

16th Annual



CREW TAMPA BAY

Thursday, June 5, 2025

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Tampa Marriott Water Street

505 Water St., Tampa, FL 33602

Meet the Community Leaders

Learn about the Tampa Bay economy
from the leaders that know it best

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National Anthem	12:00pm
Katie Ducharme Procissi	
CREW Tampa Bay President's Welcome	12:05pm
Megan Proulx Dempsey	
Panel Discussion	12:15pm
Moderated by Stacie Schaible , <i>Anchor, WFLA</i>	
Harry Cohen <i>County Commissioner, Hillsborough County</i>	
Dave Eggers <i>County Commissioner, Pinellas County</i>	
David Engle <i>Director of Planning, Development & Economic Growth Dept. Pasco County</i>	
Becky Troutman <i>County Commissioner, Polk County</i>	
Keynote Speaker	1:00pm
Dr. Anirban Basu <i>Chairman and CEO, Sage Policy Group, Inc.</i>	
Provides an insightful look into today's economy and forecast	
Program Close	2:00pm

Harry Cohen

County Commissioner, Hillsborough County

Harry Cohen is a member of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners representing District 1, a position to which he was elected in November 2020 and re-elected in November 2022.

Harry Cohen has dedicated his life and career to public service. A lawyer by profession, he served as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County from 2005-2011, as an elected member of the Tampa City Council from 2011-2019, and as general counsel to the Clerk from 2019-2020. As a Hillsborough County Commissioner, Cohen presently serves on the following boards and committees: Tampa Bay Water, Chairman of the Board; Hillsborough County Aviation Authority / Tampa International Airport; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, Vice Chair; David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts.



Dave Eggers

County Commissioner, Pinellas County

Commissioner Eggers was elected to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners in November 2014 and re-elected in 2018 and 2022. During his tenure on the County Commission, he continues to focus on transparency, fiscal accountability, economic development, transportation issues within the region and County, regional water management, and land availability for business expansion (light industrial land use and zoning), affordable housing (residential zoning) and stormwater/environmental needs. Previously, he served as Mayor of Dunedin, elected in March 2009, and then re-elected in 2012. Prior to becoming Mayor, he served as a City Commissioner of Dunedin, elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2006. During Commissioner Eggers' tenure with Dunedin, he started the Youth Advisory Council, the Social Services Committee and the Public Safety Committee. In addition, he led efforts to recognize returning veterans and to establish the Purple Heart Park and Purple Heart City designation for the City and now for Pinellas County.



David Engle

Director of Planning, Pasco County

Mr. Engel has been a dynamic departmental and organizational leader with over 20 years of experience in City and County Government specializing in Urban and Transportation Planning, Affordable Housing, Economic Development, and Redevelopment. An additional ten years were spent on Wall Street serving as a Senior Research Analyst and Certified Portfolio Manager in New York City, specializing in transportation, public-private finance, and energy technology systems. David has been employed by Pasco County for the past seven years serving as it's Planning and Economic Development Director. Mr. Engel's Department administrates the County's Penny for Pasco Economic Development Program, and has been instrumental in -



negotiating job-creating infrastructure financial incentive and incentives generating of millions of square feet in industrial and office development. Mr. Engel received a Master of City and Regional Planning from Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University and is a graduate of The George Washington University. David is a member and Certified Planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Becky Troutman

County Commissioner, Polk County

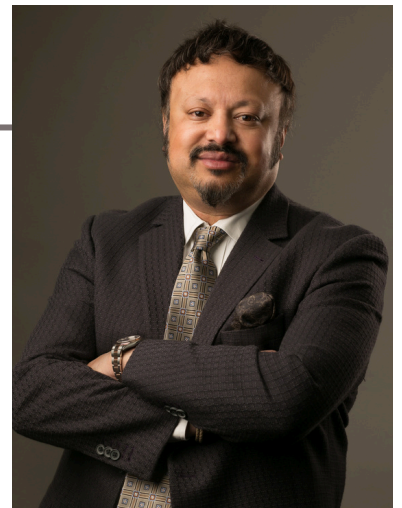
Becky Troutman was elected to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, District 1, in November 2024, earning approximately 63% of the vote in the general election. Prior to joining the commission, she served on the Polk County Planning Commission for six years, including two years as chair. A licensed school psychologist by profession, Becky has held various roles within the public education system. She also gained valuable experience in the private sector as a corporate trainer for Dale Carnegie. Currently she embraces the challenges of small business ownership and raising a teenage daughter. As County Commissioner, Becky is committed to fostering economic growth, updating the county's comprehensive plan, maintaining a focus on public safety, and advancing critical infrastructure improvements to support a growing Polk County. Becky holds a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of South Florida. She also earned a master's degree in counseling from Liberty University and a third master's and specialist degree in school psychology from Nova Southeastern University.



Dr. Anirban Basu

Chairman and CEO, Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Anirban Basu is Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc., a Baltimore-based economic and policy consultancy he founded in 2004. He serves the Chief Economist function for many organizations, including the Maryland Bankers Association and Associated Builders and Contractors. The Baltimore Business Journal named him one of the region's 20 most powerful business leaders in 2010. In 2022, he entered the Daily Record newspaper's Circle of Influence. He is the Distinguished Economist in Residence at Goucher College, where he teaches History of Economic Thought. He holds four graduate degrees, including a J.D. and a Ph.D.



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