

About the Rochester Community Coalition

“The Rochester Community Coalition is unprecedented in this region. It was born out of necessity, and out of a recognition that standing united is our best chance of being recognized and supported. We want Gov. Paterson, Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and members of our legislative delegation to know that our community has important plans and goals, and that we need and deserve their help to achieve them.”

Sandy Parker, President and CEO
Rochester Business Alliance

“The Rochester Community Coalition, under the leadership of the Rochester Business Alliance, is to be applauded for convening the entire community to address key public concerns. This unique collaboration will strengthen our efforts to achieve Rochester’s fair share in Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding and give a voice to the other projects being served by the coalition.”

Robert Duffy, Mayor
City of Rochester

“Monroe County is dedicated to creating jobs and strengthening our local economy. That is why we are pleased to support the Rochester Community Coalition which calls for state-mandate relief while preserving our high level of services and excellent quality of life without raising taxes. We will continue to work with our community partners to ensure that Monroe County remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

Maggie Brooks
Monroe County Executive

“UNICON is an organization of unions and contractors dedicated to working together on projects that increase economic development in our community. We support this agenda as a way to highlight projects that will create construction jobs for local workers, who build facilities that can attract new residents to the Rochester area and help strengthen our economy.”

Ken Warner, Executive Director
UNICON Rochester

“As a community it is important that we unite around a set of priorities that improve education and create a stronger, safer, more economically viable community. Increased state aid, regulatory relief, and one-time investments in projects, such as funding for the Clinical and Translational Sciences Building, are vital to the City of Rochester and the region. They have a direct impact on job creation, help stimulate innovations that fuel the region’s high-technology and bio-technology commercial sectors, and affect the overall health of our community.”

Joel Seligman, President
University of Rochester

“The Rochester region’s remarkable resilience in the face of extraordinary economic challenges must be attributed to its strong sense of community and its exceptional asset base. It is on these strengths that this community coalition is forged, and from which we have identified our region’s essential investment priorities. We are pleased to be part of this effort. RIT’s growth and success has long been fueled by the support of the greater Rochester community, and we are confident that the Golisano Institute for Sustainability will be another significant milestone for the university and for the region as a whole.”

William Destler, President
Rochester Institute of Technology

“Nazareth College is pleased to support the Community Coalition Agenda, which is aimed at seeking state funding for projects that will dramatically improve our community. And we are thrilled that Rochester Area Colleges Center for Excellence in Math and Science (CEMS) is included in this agenda. The center is a unique collaboration among colleges, elementary and secondary schools, and business to address the national, state, and local need for an increase in the number of teachers qualified to teach math and science at the K-12 levels. CEMS will become a national model, and establish Rochester as a leader in this important effort.”

Daan Braveman, President
Nazareth College

“Our community has many pressing needs, so I am pleased that the Rochester Community Coalition has recognized the wisdom of investing in our youth through the Hillside Work-Scholarship Program. A focused, broad-based community support such as the Rochester Community Coalition is exactly what is needed to tackle the challenges our region faces. The Hillside program has proven record of increasing graduation rate among its participants, significantly improving the lives of our youth and better positioning our community for economic and social success.”

Dennis Richardson, President and CEO
Hillside Family of Agencies

“We believe very strongly in the power of working together – as one community – to bring lasting and meaningful change. This collaborative approach is a true tribute to our community leadership’s commitment to achieve great things together.”

Dawn Borgeest, Senior Vice President, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
United Way of Greater Rochester