

The
Westchester County Board of Legislators
celebrates

Italian-American Heritage Month

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Live streamed from the Board Chamber
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PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgments

Board Chair Vedat Gashi

Presentation of Proclamations to



ROBERT CALUORI

Presented by Minority Leader Margaret A. Cunzio



LOUIS PICANI

Presented by Chairman Vedat Gashi

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Vedat Gashi
Board Chair
Legislator, 4th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator, 9th District

Judah Holstein
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Majority Whip
Legislator, 11th District

David Imamura
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Majority Leader
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

Shanae V. Williams
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Vice Chair
Legislator, 17th District





ROBERT CALUORI is driven by a personal mission to help others build relationships that lead to positive impacts in their lives and communities. He achieves this through both his professional and volunteer work across Westchester. Professionally, Caluori is the Chief Financial Officer of the Westchester Library System (WLS), where he has worked for 17 years, connecting Westchester County residents with resources, services, and programs offered by WLS and its member libraries. He also serves as a Senior Adjunct Instructor at Mercy University.

In his volunteer work, Caluori focuses on fostering teamwork, mentoring future leaders, enhancing community engagement, and supporting youth development. He regularly volunteers with Volunteer NY and is an alum of their Leadership Westchester program, graduating in 2019. With nearly a decade of service to Little League, he has served on the Kensico Little League Board of Directors and is currently the Treasurer and Assistant District Administrator for NY District 20, overseeing 13 local leagues in central Westchester. He also sits on the Mercy University Math and Computer Science Curriculum Advisory Committee and previously served on the Lakeland Central School District Board of Education.

Caluori takes pride in his Italian heritage, tracing his ancestry to his maternal great-great-grandparents, who immigrated from Naples, Italy, and settled in Mt. Vernon after living in The Bronx. His paternal great-grandparents, from Corleone, Sicily, first settled in Queens before relocating to Mt. Vernon, where Caluori was born.

Raised in Mt. Vernon and later attending Walter Panas High School in Cortlandt Manor, Caluori holds a bachelor's degree from Mercy College (now Mercy University), two master's degrees (MS Information Systems from Pace University and MS Library and Information Science from SUNY Albany), and an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration from Long Island University. He is also a New York State Licensed Librarian.



LOUIS A. PICANI has been a dedicated member of Teamsters Local 456 for over 30 years. His leadership skills quickly earned him the position of Shop Steward for the City of Yonkers Department of Public Works in 1992. By 1994, he became a Trustee of the Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund, and in 2005, he was elected Trustee and appointed Business Agent for Teamsters Local 456.

A member of the Joint Council 16's New York Teamsters Political Action Committee, Picani is also a licensed drug and alcohol counselor. In 2016, he was elected President and Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 456, while also serving as Vice President of the Westchester Putnam Central Labor Body.

Throughout his career, Picani has been recognized for his contributions to labor and the community. He was honored with the NY AREA Chairman's Award in 2016, and in 2017, he was elected Grand Marshal of Yonkers' Columbus Day Parade. The prestigious Golden Lion Award followed in 2018 from the Order Sons of Italy in America. In 2018, City and State Magazine named him one of Westchester's Top 50 Most Powerful leaders.

Picani has received numerous accolades, including the Anthony J. Tocci Sr. Labor Award (2019), recognition by the New Rochelle Calabria Society, and being named to City and State's Labor Power 100 lists in 2021, 2022, and 2023. He also holds the role of Eastern Region International Representative for the Teamsters' Building Material and Construction Trade Division.

In 2022, the Yonkers Republican City Committee honored him with the Labor Leadership Award, and in 2023, the Italian American Museum presented him with the Ambasciatore Award. Picani credits his incredible family for their unwavering love and support throughout his distinguished career.