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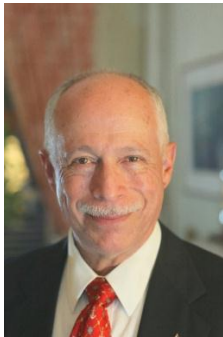
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**Joel Freiser** is a federal agencies and local government planning, financing and project development Consultant for Empire Government Strategies.

Mr. Freiser has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in government, nonprofit organizations and financial services. An eleven-year veteran of the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, he also served for three years as the Essex County, New Jersey Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. He also served as chair of the Hoboken (NJ) Board of Adjustment and chaired the Hoboken Waterfront Corporation, which was instrumental in the adoption of a consensus plan for compatible commercial office building and award-winning public open space and park development along the Hudson River.

His knowledge of New York City was gained as director of economic development projects for The New York City Partnership. At The Partnership, Mr. Freiser was responsible for advancing its policy agenda for attracting high technology businesses, retaining New York City's manufacturing base and facilitating redevelopment outside Manhattan. For eighteen years, Mr. Freiser helped lead successful efforts to redevelop the City of Newark (NJ), by attracting private investment in commercial, industrial and residential real estate, leveraging federal, state and local financial incentives, grants and Congressional earmarks. As Deputy Executive Director of the Newark Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) for thirteen years and Director of the Newark Office of the Urban Enterprise Zone for five years, Mr. Freiser played a key role in planning, funding, and constructing a wide variety of market rate and subsidized residential, commercial, industrial, retail and public infrastructure project investments for New Jersey's largest city. His ability to explain complex community project concepts and mobilize consensus among contending interests has made him an appealing and successful group facilitator, spokesperson and mediator.

As an extension of his professional life, Mr. Freiser serves as a trustee and president of the board at The Hudson School of Hoboken (NJ), an independent school for the gifted. He continues to support the Historic Robert Treat District (Newark, NJ) of the Boy Scouts of America as vice chair for development. Mr. Freiser was also instrumental in the revival of the Hoboken Jewish community where he served several terms as president of the United Synagogue of Hoboken and remains active as one of its cantors and Torah readers. He also serves as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Public Management at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he teaches graduate courses in public administration. Mr. Freiser is married to the former Marilyn Organ and has two daughters.

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