



Na'ilah AMARU

Founder and Principal Strategist

CIVIC ALCHEMY LLC

When Na'ilah Amaru moved to New York City, she didn't know anyone. But the Iraq War veteran and former aide to the late Rep. John Lewis found a home as a political strategist helping establish early voting, lift up formerly incarcerated women and pass salary transparency laws before co-founding the BIPOC Democracy Table. She recently partnered with the Amplify Her Foundation to design a pilot investing in women as local changemakers. This year, she launched Civic Alchemy LLC, a social impact consulting firm at the intersection of policy, politics and civic power.

the organization in 2022, and she said she has secured \$700 million in baseline funding for education initiatives, advocated for after-school programming investments and helped boost state education spending. Baytemur recently testified before the New York City Council - where she was previously a senior legislative financial analyst - for funding for early childhood and community school programs. She's transitioning to a new role as education adviser to New York City's first deputy mayor.

Jabari BELL

Executive Board Secretary

NEW YORK STATE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

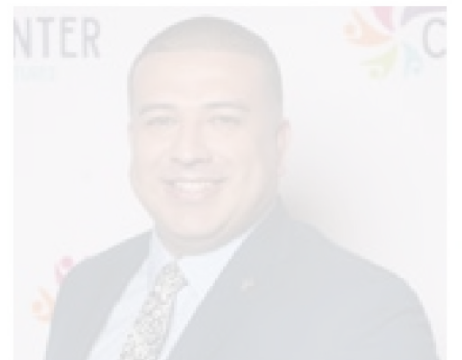
After a short-lived bid for a New York City Council seat in Queens a few years ago, Jabari Bell embraced another opportunity as an executive board member with the New York State Builders Association, an industry advocacy group. In his role, the real estate professional has been involved in discussions on policies to spur housing production, reform land use and promote economic growth. Bell, who's also director of strategic development at The Delaine Companies, serves on the Queens Black Chamber of Commerce board.

Michelle ARMSTRONG

President

ARES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Michelle Armstrong's experience in philanthropy at Goldman Sachs and the Project Management Institute came in handy when she spearheaded the design and launch of the Ares Charitable Foundation in 2021. She has since disbursed \$65 million in grants and led a five-year, \$25 million initiative to train workers for climate-resilient jobs in the U.S. and India. Armstrong also co-produced a short documentary about the foundation's work aiding a wrongfully incarcerated man on his job reentry journey. This year, Ares established an initiative for small businesses to reskill workers for the future.



Daniel BONNET

Chief Program Officer

PORT CHESTER CARVER CENTER

Daniel Bonnet is dedicated to improving workforce and community programs for



Chelsea BAYTEMUR

Outgoing Director of Policy and Advocacy

YMCA OF GREATER NEW YORK

Chelsea Baytemur has approached her work at the YMCA of Greater New York with a mission to advance economic equity for children and families. She joined

From top, Na'ilah Amaru, Chelsea Baytemur and Jabari Bell

Baytemur will be an education adviser to NYC's first deputy mayor.