Stephanie Miner and Antonio Weiss Join the Volcker Alliance

Leaders in public service bring track records of success in city and federal government to good government group

Washington, DC (December 6, 2017)—The Volcker Alliance announced today that Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor of Syracuse, and Antonio Weiss, a senior fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at the Harvard Kennedy School, have joined its Board of Directors.

Thomas W. Ross, President of the Volcker Alliance, said, “We are honored to have Mayor Miner and Mr. Weiss join our Board. Their success in driving improvement in government policy and implementation—at the local and federal levels—is remarkable. We look forward to learning from their experiences to further advance effective government and to inspire more talented young people to follow their footsteps into public service.”

Both Ms. Miner and Mr. Weiss join the organization already familiar with the Volcker Alliance’s programmatic work. Mr. Weiss joined a panel on “Reshaping the Regulatory Architecture in an Evolving Financial Landscape” in December 2016 that the Alliance hosted with the Institute for New Economic Thinking at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. In early November 2017, Ms. Miner participated in a panel discussion about the future of government at the “Volcker at 90: Rethinking Effective Government” symposium that the Alliance hosted at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC. The symposium was held in honor of the Volcker Alliance’s founder, Paul A. Volcker, and his legacy of public service.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to join thought leaders in politics, government, and business at the Volcker Alliance. After spending eight years working to build Syracuse into a twenty-first century city, I am eager to help others in government harness the many tools that exist to implement innovative new policies, respond to constituents, and pave the way forward for a new generation of governance,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “I thank Chairman Volcker and Tom Ross for the opportunity to join the Volcker Alliance and I embrace their mission of supporting more effective government.”

Mayor Miner is the 53rd Mayor of Syracuse, first elected in 2009, and has become known as one of America’s most innovative mayors. Since taking office, she has streamlined the planning and permitting process and witnessed more than $1.5 billion in new development across the city. She has made fiscal reform and infrastructure signature issues and launched the Office of Innovation, working to implement innovative solutions to historic challenges. She also has a keen appreciation for the importance of the Alliance’s work on state budgeting practices as she has worked with leaders from...
across New York State to address the growing pension and healthcare crisis facing cities today and how those decisions impact the ability of communities to invest in modern infrastructure.

Mr. Weiss said, “I am honored to have the opportunity to work with this group of distinguished public servants on the Board of the Volcker Alliance. The Alliance seeks to work across sectors—with government as well as with the private sector, academic, and nonprofit groups—and I look forward to helping deepen and expand those partnerships to improve the management and implementation of public policies.”

Prior to joining the Harvard Kennedy School as a senior fellow, Mr. Weiss served as Counselor to the Secretary at the US Department of the Treasury, where he worked on issues related to financial markets, regulatory reform, consumer and housing finance, job creation, and broad-based economic growth. Mr. Weiss brings deep familiarity in two of the issue areas on which the Alliance has focused to date: financial regulatory reform and state budgeting practices. He led the Treasury response to the debt crisis in Puerto Rico, working closely with Congress to pass legislation to allow an orderly restructuring of Puerto Rico’s debt. In recognition of his achievements at the Treasury, he was presented the Alexander Hamilton Award, the department’s highest honor. Before joining the Treasury, he served in various leadership roles in the US and Europe at Lazard, the financial advisory firm, most recently as Global Head of Investment Banking.

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The Volcker Alliance advances effective management of government to achieve results that matter to citizens. The nonpartisan Alliance works toward that objective by partnering with other organizations—academic, business, governmental, and public interest—to strengthen professional education for public service, conduct needed research on government performance, and improve the efficiency and accountability of governmental organization at the federal, state, and local levels.

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