

Michael J. Freda  
First Selectman  
Town of North Haven

Michael Freda is currently serving his fifth term as the Chief Elected Official of the Town of North Haven. Mike is a past member of the North Haven Board of Finance and served as Third Selectman for two years prior to being elected by the Town of North Haven as First Selectman in November of 2009. His extensive former business career as President and CEO of several large multi-million dollar corporations has provided him with a unique ability to manage a multitude of complex projects while maintaining a holistic methodology to a fiscally sound and desirous community.

Since commencing his charge of North Haven, he has immersed himself into every facet of a growing community and is well respected within the region for his visionary approach to developing robust economic drivers, revitalizing a dormant commercial district, planning growth and resource development, advancing energy efficient and environmentally friendly properties, as well as to ensure quality housing at all income levels, including affordable housing opportunities to seniors and families encouraging strong neighborhoods and viable communities.

Notably, in addition to the many awards Mike has received, he has been recognized by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center as a 2014 Celebrate CT! honoree for his outstanding impact on the economy and his contributions to the success in growing communities, regions, and the state. In 2011, Mike was awarded the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Legislative Leadership Award. Under Mike's leadership, the Town has been recognized as one of the most energy efficient municipalities in the state having a significant environmental impact with positive reductions in greenhouse gases.

Mike sits on the Executive Board of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), he is on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Workforce Alliance and the Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST). He is co-chair of the New Haven Hartford Springfield Rail and CTFAstrak Advisory Committee. He was appointed in April of 2013 by Governor Dannel Malloy to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, and served as Co-Chair of the Task Force to Study the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal and Regional Shelters. He is currently a featured speaker at Quinnipiac University for their Physician Assistant's Program and also at Gateway Community College for their Business and Political Classes. Mike heads up the Town's Substance Abuse Action Council and has been an advocate for addressing the opioid crisis both locally and regionally.