

## Session 4: Regional Resilience: Normative Frames and Narratives

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*Resilience: A Crisis of Leadership among Local Elected Leaders*

**Abstract:**

Few elected leaders come to office with an understanding of crisis leadership. And certainly not all elected leaders come to elected office with the skill sets of resilience building, network building and collaborative leadership.

Building trusted networks and relationships across political and geographic boundaries is critical to enhancing resilience. Long term strategic thinking is also critical to building a resilient community. Yet, our political world does not support or reward local elected leaders for these critical skills (or any politicians for that matter).

Elected leaders do not always need to be the ones getting the work done, but they do need to be the conveners in communities to start and advance discussions about resilience.

Exploration of the critical skill sets needed in elected officials to enhance and build resilient communities will be explored. Discussion about what each of us can do beyond the academic sphere and in each of our communities will be explored, along with what it will take to get more local elected officials to value resilient communities.



