

Illinois Financial Forecast Forum 2020

The Illinois City/County Management Association, Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, and the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies presented the **Annual Illinois Financial Forecast Forum: Private Sector Views that will Impact the Public Sector** on Jan. 24, 2020, at Harry Caray's, Lombard, IL. Attendees numbered 218. They heard from industry experts on pertinent economic and financial issues affecting local governments in Illinois.



CGS Associate Director Greg Kuhn welcomed FFF participants.



Rick Mattoon, Senior Economist at Chicago Federal Reserve, spoke about Economic & Industry Perspectives.



Geoffrey Kasselmann, Senior VP and Partner at CRG/Clayco, discussed the "Exponential Future of Everything."



Ben Gehrt, Attorney with Clark Baird Smith (left) and Mike Wojcik, Senior VP/Principal with The Horton Group, discussed Future Trends in Health and Labor.



More than 200 participants attended the annual Illinois Financial Forecast Forum: Private Sector Views on Jan. 24.



Stephen B. Friedman, President of SB Friedman, moderated the Real Estate Perspectives Panel, featuring Mary Ludgin, Managing Director/Head of Global Research for Heitman Financial, and Fran Rood, Senior VP, SB Friedman Development Advisors.



Participants at the annual Financial Forecast Forum enjoyed networking with colleagues during lunch and other break times.



Kelly Cofer, CEO, The Retail Coach, spoke about Dynamic Trends in the Current and Future Retail Environment.



NIU's Center for Governmental Studies was represented by CGS Research Specialists Alex Galindo and Shannon Sohl, pictured here. Other CGS staff members helping to facilitate the FFF were Greg Kuhn and Dawn Peters.