

Michael Galime Background:

Civic Involvement:

City of Utica, Common Council President

- Presiding Chair of the City of Utica Common Council.
- Sitting member of the Board of E and A.

The Council President acts as an unbiased presiding officer for the common council. Along with acting as the chair of the council, the president is responsible for creating the standing committees, appointing members to the respective committee system, as well as making strategic decisions as to where proposed legislation for the City of Utica is developed and vetted within the committee structure. The chair is not a voting power within the council, however, preserving order and creating an atmosphere of impartial discussion, within the legislative process, is of great importance striving for the betterment of the City of Utica.

Private Sector Employment:

In 2008, an opportunity was presented to build to the existing development team of Datacom Systems, Inc. in Syracuse, NY. Driving the goal of bringing more into downtown Utica, I was able to achieve the goal of siting the office in the 258 Genesee St building. For seven years that venture sustained with Datacom, until Ixia acquired one of the flagship products co-architected out of our office. At the present time a few acquisitions later, my employment is still retained in the same space, for Ixia Solutions Group, a Keysight Business.

Datacom/Ixia /ISG-Keysight

Dates Employed, 2008 – Present

- Location Utica, NY

Key Roles & Responsibilities

- Drive synergy between hardware/firmware, and software development
- Manage and deploy third party and overseas development teams
- Customer support: work directly with sales, sales engineering, and the customer to provide pre and post sales sustainment.
- Drive feature and release development
- Maintain and architect overall system continuity
- Provide overall oversight for innovation
- Office & Site Management

Other Community Involvement:

Throughout my life, I've maintained a semi-professional career as a musician. Whether acting as President of the Musician's Federation, donating services through music, or taking part in continuing my families' tradition in the music profession for paid events, care has always been taken to paying attention to the actual state of our community and how to cultivate culture based on what we have, and build from our history.

Why I'm interested in joining The Friends of The Arc Foundation:

I strongly believe every person should have a chance at living a life in which the feeling of personal sense of achievement through involvement drives happiness and the fulfillment of life goals.

The ARC removes the barriers for people with disabilities to do just that.