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**PLDO Partner Allan W. Fung to be a Featured Speaker on “Maximizing Use of American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds” at the RI Accountants & Auditors Conference**

Rhode Island – September 29, 2021 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC ([PLDO](#)) Partner Allan W. Fung, a leading public policy and fiscal management attorney and former Mayor of the City of Cranston, will be a featured speaker on maximizing use of American Rescue Plan Recovery (ARPA) funds in local communities at the 23rd Annual Rhode Island Accountants & Auditors Conference on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. The virtual event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and is hosted by the University of Rhode Island Office of Strategic Initiatives. For more information about the event speakers, continuing education credits, and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3zJWu1K>.

Attorney Fung will be joined by Jeff Stevens, CEM, MEP, VP of Emergency Management for iParametrics, LLC from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a wide-ranging discussion on the reporting requirements, restrictions and appropriate uses of the federal recovery funds. The presentation will also include details and examples of eligible uses and a review of compliance issues.

“This is an important conference for city and town fiscal advisors, finance directors and managers as they play a critical role in the strategic planning of the recovery funds in order to make the greatest positive impact on their communities,” explained Attorney Fung. “I am delighted to join such a distinguished panel of experts to offer my insight, knowledge and experience in the public sector and, as an attorney, to assist conference attendees in making informed decisions as they plan for the future.”

Attorney Fung is widely recognized as a leading voice and frequent speaker at national and international forums on a wide range of issues including economic development, pensions, fiscal management, and diplomacy and international trade, as well public private partnerships (P3s) and other policy and legislative matters. He has extensive experience working on complex legal matters regarding

federal, state and municipal regulatory and compliance issues. In his capacity as Mayor of the City of Cranston that spanned from 2009 to January 2021, he oversaw budgets in excess of \$300 million and a workforce of more than 660 employees and successfully negotiated multiple collective bargaining agreements, reformed the city's severely underfunded locally administered pension plan, and led multi-million-dollar commercial development projects and the emergency management and recovery effort for city residents during multiple declared disasters, including managing the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

He earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, is a Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellow, and admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

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