Save the Date: Housing & Community Development Summit Sept. 29
Federal Home Loan Bank of NY President Jose Gonzalez will deliver the keynote address at Pattern’s annual housing and community development summit starting at 8:00 A.M. Monday Sept. 29 at Anthony’s Pier 9 in New Windsor. Gonzalez was named to the top position at the agency in May. The summit will allow the region’s professionals to meet and hear from him, said Pattern VP Joe Czajka. The Federal Home Loan Bank is instrumental in aiding efforts to create affordable housing locally. To sponsor the event, contact Pattern.

“COMMUNITY BUILDER” AWARD TO BE GIVEN TO DRAPKIN, CZAJKA
Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and Pattern Vice President Joe Czajka, head of Pattern’s Center for Housing Solutions, have been selected to receive the 2014 Community Builder Award by Hudson River Housing, Inc. (HRH)
“Together, your joint commitment to housing has brought the linkage between housing and economic development into clear focus,” said HRH Executive Director Ed Murphy. The award will be given on October 2 at the organization’s Evening by the Hudson Gala in Poughkeepsie.

Wolinsky Named to New MTA Commission
Pattern for Progress Board Chairman Larry Wolinsky is one of 22 regional experts to be named to the MTA’s new Transportation Reinvention Commission. Wolinsky will represent Pattern for Progress as the commission, created by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, provides advice on customer expectations, commuting trends and extreme weather.

The 2013-14 Pattern Fellows Class gathered in Newburgh on June 17 for a panel discussion on regionalism, below, and for graduation ceremonies, including the presentation of Fellows research projects. Groups examined the college town potential of Poughkeepsie, low health scores in Sullivan County and ways to use technology to convert school bus trips to learning time.

PATTERN STUDY: REGION’S HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS NEED MORE COLLABORATIVE APPROACH
A report on how the Hudson Valley healthcare system is positioned to meet the demands of an aging population is set for release this month. The study, funded through a grant from the Dyson Foundation, finds hospitals, nursing homes and other sectors will need to make numerous changes.

REPORT EXAMINES SHARED SCHOOL CHIEFS
Small school districts that share their top administrator can realize modest savings and more importantly can begin a culture of sharing other positions and resources. These were among the findings of a Pattern report released June 11 in digital form. Find a link to the report and summary pdf at pattern-for-progress.org

SEEKING MEMBERS FOR PATTERN 50TH ANNIVERSARY FELLOWS CLASS
Pattern is seeking mid-career professionals from across the Hudson Valley to join the eighth annual regional Fellows program. In addition to attending a series of interactive classes with experts on the Hudson Valley region, the 2014-15 Fellows class will work on a unique research project tied to Pattern's 50th anniversary year (2015).
Classes will gather every other Tuesday from October through May at the Pattern office at 3 Washington Center on the campus of SUNY Orange in Newburgh. Classes will meet in the late afternoon, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with refreshments served.
The 2014-15 Fellows project will dovetail with a larger initiative that Pattern staff will lead in regard to retaining and attracting young people and families to Hudson Valley urban centers. In addition to seeking class members, Pattern is interested in hearing from businesses and nonprofits that would like to sponsor this special Fellows project.
Tuition for the 10-month class is $1,500 with some scholarships available. Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin leads the program with assistance from staff. Contact Robin DeGroat at 845-565-4900 for details.