We do in fact live in interesting times.

- The Federal Reserve is currently contemplating what actions need to be taken to address the stickiness of inflation.
- The stock market continues it rollercoaster ride as it tries to look ahead over the next 18 months.
- Help Wanted signs continue to proliferate not just within the Hudson Valley, but throughout the United States.

The good news is that the national numbers on the number of infections due to COVID appear to have crested and once again, we are on the other side of the most recent wave. The ore the virus is put in the rear-view mirror the more businesses can resume planning for the "new normal”.

This week's PULSE includes a link to a recent Brookings Institute report on State Resilience and Recovery. You will see reference to NYS's CFA Process. It is worth the look to see what other states are doing.

Stay tuned.

**State resilience and recovery**

Strategies to reduce inequality and promote prosperity by creating better places.

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**WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDEX (WEI)**

The WEI is an index of ten daily and weekly indicators of real economic activity scaled to align with the four-quarter GDP growth rate.

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**STATE RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY: STRATEGIES TO REDUCE INEQUALITY AND PROMOTE PROSPERITY BY CREATING BETTER PLACES**

"The year 2020 was a time of genuine crisis for Americans and their neighborhoods. The risk of pandemic illness and death was coupled with economic uncertainty, while at the same time popular uprisings against ingrained injustice swept the country. The 2020 crisis was acute because it involved interrelated public health, economic, and social disruptions - but it was not new. The conditions facing American communities in the years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic did not appear out of thin air. They were the predictable result of decades of deliberate policy choices at all levels of government. Choices in infrastructure, housing, education, labor and health care policy have all helped to institutionalize inequality between American neighborhoods.”