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Photos: Economic Benefits of Immigration Reform Panel

Panel hosted at Congregational Church of Patchogue Monday.

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(L-R) Panelists Roger Clayman, Otoniel Figueroa Durán, Alvin Ramnarain, Moderator David Dyssegaard Kallick. Credit: [Michael Sorrentino](#)

A panel discussion on the economic benefits of immigration took place Monday at the [Congregational Church of Patchogue](#).

Panelists included Roger Clayman (Long Island Federation of Labor), Otoniel Figueroa Durán (Local 32BJ SEIU), Joe Gergela (Long Island Farm Bureau), Kevin Law (Long Island Association) and Alvin Ramnarain (Local 1102 RWDSU/UFCW). David Dyssegaard Kallick (Fiscal Policy Institute) served as a moderator.

A recurring theme during the start of the discussion revolved around how not everyone is going to get what they want out of immigration reform laws as they become formulated, but that the government and society are at a place where these discussions can begin.

The panel was hosted by the Long Island Civic Engagement Table, Noticia and Long Island Wins. The panel included an introduction by Congressman Tim Bishop.

A summary of the full discussion can be found on [Newsday \(subscription\)](#).

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