



## Audrey Russo

### CEO, Pittsburgh Technology Council

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Since 2007, Audrey Russo has served the technology business sector for southwestern PA as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Technology Council ([www.pghtech.org](http://www.pghtech.org)), the oldest (1983) and largest technology trade association. In this role, Russo facilitates strong interaction across all sectors of the regional economy. With a background in information technology, operations and finance, Russo previously worked for large multi-national Fortune 500 companies (Alcoa, Reynolds Metals), as well as at MAYA Design, and in an adjunct faculty and project role at Virginia Commonwealth University. She loves the complexity of Pittsburgh's physical, literal and metaphorical terrain and believes the city will succeed and grow through technology innovation and commercialized disruptions across every platform and experience. Pittsburgh's technology roots are essential and imperative in achieving competitive, diverse and vibrant economies.

Russo earned her Bachelor of Science from Ohio State University. She also has a Master's in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Public Affairs.

Audrey is currently serving as a board member of the following organizations: Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC), CityLab, Highmark Business Advisory Board, City of Asylum (COA), Pittsburgh Works, Allegheny Health Network (AHN) Cancer Institute Advisory Board and the PA Early Learning Investment Commission (ELIC) as Commission Member.

Russo also co-hosts TechVibe Radio every Saturday at 8am on ESPN 970AM to explore technology companies and entrepreneurial issues. She also serves as the President of the newly formed nonprofit Fortyx80 which serves to ensure that Pittsburgh's vitality will be sustained through education for entrepreneurs, education for the next generation of the economy and development of newer collisions of innovation.

Russo is both professionally and personally active in the tech and innovation start up ecosystem, serving as a mentor, champion, convener and investor in companies. She is committed to ensuring women and underrepresented individuals in tech are connected to ensure business growth. Additionally, Russo is a sought-after speaker, presenting ideas about the Pittsburgh, as well as the future of tech, people and places and the global economy.

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