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Ellen Pollan is currently Director of Advancement at Bronx Arts Ensemble (BAE), focusing on institutional and private fundraising. She manages a portfolio of private and public grants and is responsible for oversight of annual appeals and key special events. She joined the BAE program team focused on the integration of BAE's Arts in Education programs with their live Music performance program. Prior to working at BAE, she was Deputy Director at the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) where she also acted as Interim Executive Director. She is known for working across sectors to infuse arts and culture programs into Bronx neighborhoods and grow the Bronx Arts brand. Of note, she has raised significant funds (\$5.1 million from City sources) for the renovation of BCA's future headquarters at 2700 East Tremont Avenue in the Westchester Square neighborhood. Her past experience includes the Arts and Business Council, Mass Transit Street Theater, and the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Ellen's board affiliations include Washington Heights Community Services Inc., the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, and Thrivent Financial – Metro NYC. Ellen was a proud working group member of the Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts - NY and CultureAID NYC and she proudly continues her work as an advocate for cultural equity. She is a member of CCCE's Research and Advocacy Network. She received a BA degree in fine arts from Georgetown University.