

# 2024 HouseATL Board Nominees Packet

HouseATL's Governance Committee is pleased to introduce the 13 nominees for the upcoming Advisory Board election. HouseATL members will vote on 10 Board directors starting on October 30th through Thursday, November 14th. In addition to new nominees, there are 6 incumbent Board directors running for reelection for these 10 slots. The results will be shared with the membership by November 18th.

The vote will be via an elections software that will allow for both remote and in-person confidential voting. Each voting member will receive an individualized email link for voting. As a reminder, if several representatives of an organization are part of HouseATL, there is only one voting member from that organization. HouseATL staff will be confirming who the voting members are for each organizational member. In order to vote, you must have been an active member for at least six months.

At the October 30th, HouseATL Convening <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/houseatl-october-2024-convening-tickets-933759579037">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/houseatl-october-2024-convening-tickets-933759579037</a>, there will be an opportunity to mingle and greet the candidates from 9:15-9:45 prior to the opening of the vote.

Below is an alphabetical listing of the candidates who were nominated during the Aug. 14 – Sept. 14 nominations period. The actual ballot will be in random order. The listing below includes each candidate's: employment/organizational role and affiliation; their bio; their assessment of their match for the qualifications the Board is seeking; their affiliation with HouseATL Working Groups; and other affiliations that they have beyond their primary employment. All of the candidates have confirmed their willingness to serve if elected, and all of the candidates have affirmed their willingness to abide by the <u>Bylaws</u> and <u>Board Job Description</u>.

Members, please review the nominees prior to October 30th in order to make an informed vote. The Governance Committee is grateful to all the candidates for their leadership and support of HouseATL.

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## **DAVID ALLMAN (INCUMBANT)**OWNER & CHAIRMAN, REGENT PARTNERS

Mr. Allman is Owner & Chairman of Regent Partners, a Real Estate Investment and Development company based in Atlanta. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1976 Magna Cum Laude and with Distinction in Economics. Mr. Allman has been in the commercial real estate business since 1980. Regent Partners has developed or acquired more than \$2.5 billion in real estate assets. Mr. Allman is active in numerous real estate, civic, and ministry initiatives. He currently serves as Founding Chairman of the Buckhead Community Improvement District (BCID). He is a national Trustee for Urban Land Institute, is a member of its America's Executive Committee and is the past Chairman for the Atlanta District Council of ULI. He also serves as Chairman of the Eleazar Wheelock Society at Dartmouth College, Chairman of Opportunity International Nicaragua where he has spearheaded efforts to establish new models for holistic alleviation of poverty, and as Chairman for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority. He is also a Trustee for the J. Bulow Campbell Foundation and is a Trustee of The Lovett School. He serves on the Boards of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and the Metro Atlanta Chamber. In addition to this, David also sits on the Board of Councilors at the Carter Center. He has been married for 39 years (Donna), has four adult children and twelve grandchildren. He and Donna are native Atlantans.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Faith Based Sector Representative; Neighborhood Leader Representative

HouseATL Working Groups and Committees: Policy Working Group; Funders

Collective; Pipeline Review Committee

Other Affiliations: Buckhead Community
Improvement District, Urban Land Institute, Eleazar
Wheelock Society at Dartmouth College,
Opportunity International Nicaragua, Georgia World
Congress Center Authority, J. Bulow Campbell
Foundation, The Lovett School, Georgia Public Policy
Foundation, Metro Atlanta Chamber, the Carter
Center





## DR. CHRISTIE CADE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION, NEIGHBORWORKS AMERICA

Dr. Cade directs NeighborWorks America's deployment of financial and technical services across thirteen southern states. She leads a team focused on affordable housing development, homeownership promotion and preservation, community development lending, community trauma and disaster recovery. Dr. Cade has over 30 years of progressive leadership experience with nonprofit, public, and Fortune 500 entities. Before joining NeighborWorks, she led the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership's multi-jurisdiction single family housing development and homeownership program. She also served as the Assistant Director of Housing for the State of Georgia's Housing Finance Agency and was responsible for administering the state and federal low income housing tax credits, affordable housing development financing and single family mortgage revenue bond financing. Dr. Cade has held executive leadership roles in non-profit housing development entities in the Midwest and Northeast. Dr. Cade currently serves on the Cadence Bank Community Development Advisory Committee, Georgia Advancing Communities Together Board of Directors, Emory University Board of Visitors, Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition, Gateway Regional Council Board of Directors and the Greater New Orleans Equitable Development Funders Roundtable. She is a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Business and has a Business Administration and Finance degree from Avila University and an Organizational Development and Leadership PhD.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Financial/Banking Sector Representative; Live or Work Extensively in Cobb County

HouseATL Working Groups and Committees: Homeownership Working Group

(Co-Chair); Funders Collective; Policy Working Group

Other Affiliations: Cadence Bank Community
Development Advisory Committee, Georgia
Advancing Communities Together Board of
Directors, Emory University Board of Visitors, Disaster
Housing Recovery Coalition, Gateway Regional
Council Board of Directors, the Greater New Orleans
Equitable Development Funders Roundtable



## RACHEL CAREY CHIEF REAL ESTATE OFFICER, WESTSIDE FUTURE FUND

Rachel Carey serves as the Chief Real Estate Officer of Westside Future Fund, a placebased community revitalization non-profit focused on some of Atlanta's most underserved and disinvested neighborhoods. Since joining the organization in 2018, Rachel has overseen the investment of more than \$80 million in impact lending and over \$40 million in philanthropic dollars to bring high-quality, mixed-income housing to legacy Westside residents. Under her leadership, Westside Future Fund has acquired or developed over 200 units of multifamily housing and nearly 50 singlefamily homes, with a development pipeline of more than 500 units. During her previous eight-year tenure at Forsyth Street Advisors, a preeminent New York consulting firm specializing in public finance and affordable housing, she was responsible for arranging over \$850 million of debt and equity and was deeply involved in all phases of the development process, from project scoping and development through construction closing and permanent conversion. Rachel also provided advisory services, feasibility consulting, and portfolio analysis to private clients, government agencies, and municipal housing authorities. In 2017 Rachel moved to Atlanta, where she served as Vice President of Real Estate Investments for the Atlanta Housing Authority. Her responsibilities included recapitalization of existing mixed-income developments and structuring of public-private partnerships on the Atlanta BeltLine. Rachel holds undergraduate degrees in architecture and history of architecture, as well as a master's degree in real estate, from Cornell University.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Nonprofit Developer Experience; Financial/Banking Sector Experience, Neighborhood Leadership Representative

<u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Funders Collective; Pipeline Review Committee; Homeownership Working Group





#### **STEPHEN DAVIS**

### SENIOR DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, ATLANTA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION AND GEORGIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

Stephen Davis is a seasoned government affairs and external relations professional with nearly two decades of experience. He leverages his expertise in advocacy, policy, and legislation to advance the interests of the apartment industry. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from The University of Alabama. As the Senior Director of Government Affairs at the Atlanta Apartment Association and the Georgia Apartment Association, Stephen serves as a liaison between the industry and government officials at all levels. He advocates for industry-impacting policies, manages the Georgia Better Government Fund, and coordinates state government affairs activities. Additionally, Stephen is a dedicated community leader, a Commissioner on the Fulton County Housing Authority, and a member of the Star-C board of Directors. Prior to his current role, Stephen worked in the homebuilding, energy efficiency, and U.S. government sectors. He is passionate about public service and community engagement and is a 2024 graduate of Leadership North Fulton.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Public Relations/Marketing Skills; Corporate Sector Representative; Live or Work Extensively in Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett and DeKalb County outside the City of Atlanta

**HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:** Policy Working Group

Other Affiliations: Fulton County Housing Authority Commissioner; Star-C Board of Directors; Leadership North Fulton



#### **MANDY EIDSON**

### DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SELF-HELP CREDIT UNION

Mandy Eidson is a dedicated community development professional with extensive experience in affordable housing and capital management. Currently serving as the Director of Business Development and Community Engagement at Self-Help Credit Union, one of the nation's leading Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), she has a proven track record in cultivating mission-aligned partnerships and driving economic inclusion initiatives. In her prior role as Loan Fund Director for the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership (ANDP), Mandy played a pivotal role in growing the fund's assets from \$3 million to \$27 million, overseeing an eightfold increase in the loan portfolio, and financing over 2,000 affordable housing units. She also served as the Fund Administrator for an \$8 million statewide CDFI coalition, managed complex relationships with funders and service providers, and was instrumental in deploying \$600k+ in Federal Home Loan Bank down payment assistance to low-income families. Mandy is active in various leadership roles, including serving on the Boards of HOPE Atlanta and the Georgia Social Impact Collaborative, and chairing the Service Committee for the Women's Affordable Housing Network of Atlanta. Her commitment to community empowerment is further exemplified by her mentorship with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta and her recognition as an Emerging Leader by the ULI Atlanta Women's Leadership Initiative.

Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics: Financial/Banking Sector

Representative; Nonprofit Developer Experience

**HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:** Funders

Collective; Pipeline Review Committee

Other Affiliations: HOPE Atlanta Board of Directors; Women's Affordable Housing Network of Atlanta (Service Chair); Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta (Mentor); ULI Atlanta Women's Leadership Initiative; Lifeline Animal Services (Volunteer)



## MICHAEL LUCAS (INCUMBENT) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION (AVLF)

As Executive Director, Michael is responsible for AVLF's day-to-day operations, managing its relationships in the community and overseeing all of the Foundation's provision of legal services. Michael previously served as the Director of Housing and Consumer Programs at AVLF, managing a variety of programs that provide legal representation to low-income individuals and litigating in the areas of landlord-tenant law, unpaid wages, debt-defense and debt collection. Michael, who holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley, spent his final year of law school studying at Harvard Law School and clerked for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland in Baltimore before beginning his legal career. In addition to his work at AVLF, Michael sits on the executive committee of HouseATL and of the board of directors of Lawyers for Equal Justice, one of the country's largest legal incubator programs. Michael has received numerous awards in recognition of his work in the community, including the Daily Report's "40 Under 40 -On the Rise Class of 2014," the Anti-Defamation League's "Stuart Eizenstat Young Lawyer Award," the Georgia State College of Law's Public Interest Law Association's "Serving Others and Achieving Results (S.O.A.R.)" award, and the Atlanta Bar Association's Rita A. Sheffey Award.

Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics: Public Relations/Marketing Skills

**HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:** Board Resource Development

Committee; Prioritizing Communities Working Group

**Other Affiliations:** Lawyers for Equal Justice



#### **ODETTA MACLEISH-WHITE (INCUMBENT)**

Odetta MacLeish-White is a twenty three year career professional in affordable housing, community development, and systemic change. Throughout her career she has: worked on systemic vacancy as Director of Engagement for the Center for Community Progress; led the TransFormation Alliance, a partnership of nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses working with residents to improve housing, transit and jobs access; supported comprehensive community stabilization efforts and nonprofit capacity around the country as a Senior Program Director with Enterprise Community Partners; and created affordable housing recommendations as staff director for Florida's Affordable Housing Study Commission. She started her career as a developer building tax credit units and managing small commercial properties. Each of these experiences has deepened Odetta's understanding of the systemic barriers that hold back our communities from achieving shared prosperity and true community. She turns that understanding into impact by designing solutions and programs which center lived experiences, eliminate unhelpful processes, and challenge unconscious biases and confident racism. Odetta is focused on naming the root causes of inequality and inequity, and pointing out the interplay of power and privilege that hold inequity in place year after year. These lessons show up in her commitment to value systems that become sturdy frameworks for program design, community building, and trusting partnerships. Odetta earned her Juris Doctorate and LLM in International Law from Duke University School of Law, and her bachelor's degree in English and American Literature and Language from Harvard-Radcliffe University.

Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics: Live or Work Extensively in Cobb

County

HouseATL Working Groups and Committees: Board Governance Committee; Policy Working Group; Prioritizing Communities Working Group



#### TERRI MADDEN

### NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LENDING, SILVERTON MORTGAGE

A community development professional with nearly 30 years in the mortgage banking industry. Terri Madden is a graduate of Kentucky State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and Indiana Wesleyan University, where she received a master's degree in business administration, with a concentration in management. Terri's expertise consists of non-profits management and community lending for the private sector. Terri has dedicated the past nine years to developing trisector relationships to enhance community development to provide affordable homeownership opportunities. In addition to her work and dedication to Community Development Lending. Terri has always made time for giving back to her community and has served on boards such as Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Foundations Empowerment, and HouseATL Homeownership Working committee, which has allowed her to share her wealth of knowledge and expertise in Community Lending. Terri is also the recipient of Atlanta's 2024 Black Women of Excellent in Business Leadership. Terri serves as a mentor for young girls in grades 6th-8th in the Gwinnett County Public School system, and volunteers for Junior Achievement. Terri also is a member of ForbesBLK community, and Change Church in Duluth, GA. Her highest honor, however, is being a mother to her amazing son, Jaylen Michael.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Nonprofit Developer Experience; Corporate Sector Representative; Financial/Banking Sector Representative; Education/Academic Sector Representative; Live or Work Extensively in Cobb and

Clayton Counties

<u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Homeownership Working Group

Other Affiliations: ANDP Advisory Board; Foundations Empowerment Board



## ROHIT MALHOTRA (INCUMBENT) FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR CIVIC INNOVATION

Rohit Malhotra is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Civic Innovation in Atlanta, his hometown city. His background is in social entrepreneurship, digital communications, open data and community organizing. Most recently, he served as an Ash Innovation Fellow in the White House Office of Management and Budget, focused on the administration's efforts around social impact bonds and pay for performance. In 2015, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, where he served as the youngest member in recent history, and in 2019, he was named the youngest member of Leadership Atlanta. Rohit was named as one of Atlanta Business Chronicle's 30 Under 30 and in June 2015, he was awarded the prestigious Echoing Green Global Fellowship. He serves on the boards of the Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club Diversity Council (Co-Chair), Grady Memorial Hospital Ambassador Force, Foundation Center, and A3CAction. Rohit earned his B.A. from Emory University and Master in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Rohit is a self-appointed expert on pizza and hip hop.

#### **Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:**

<u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Board Communications Committee; Policy Working Group

Other Affiliations: Leadership Atlanta; Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Atlanta Hawks Basketball Club Diversity Council, Grady Memorial Hospital Ambassador Force Board, Foundation Center Board, and A3CAction Board.





## **DR. JERRY PARRISH**CHIEF ECONOMIST, METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER

Jerry D. Parrish, Ph.D. is the Chief Economist at the Metro Atlanta Chamber.Dr. Parrish was previously the Chief Economist and Director of State and Local Policy Analysis for the Institute of Government at Florida State University. Prior to that, he was the Chief Economist for the Florida Chamber Foundation and Florida TaxWatch. Dr. Parrish was on the Faculty at Florida State University for 12 years, in the Master's of Applied Economics program. He also has many years of experience in the private sector with international manufacturing companies. He is the former HMIS Chair of Big Bend Continuum of Care in Tallahassee, FL.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Corporate Sector Representative; Research and Evaluation Sector Representative

HouseATL Working Groups and Committees: Policy Working Group





## DR. SARA PATENAUDE DIRECTOR OF POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR THE SOUTHEAST REGION, REINVESTMENT FUND

Dr. Sara Patenaude (she/her) has recently joined the Reinvestment Fund Policy Solutions team as Director for the Southeast Region. This team conducts rigorous research and builds analytic tools that help stakeholders implement effective interventions to achieve equitable outcomes in housing, early childhood education, and fresh food access. In this role, she is the chief designer of strategies to increase Reinvestment Fund's reach and impact across the region. Sara has spent over a decade as an affordable housing researcher, developer, and advocate. Her previous experience includes developing and preserving affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, creating comprehensive city and county housing strategies, and providing input into affordable housing needs for communities across the southeast. Sara has a PhD in Urban History and a Certificate in Planning and Economic Development from Georgia State University, where she studied affordable housing policy. She is a graduate of ULI Atlanta's Center for Leadership class of 2022. Sara volunteers her time as Co-Chair of the HouseATL Rental Housing Preservation Working Group, Vice President of Communication for the Atlanta Women's Affordable Housing Network, Board Member of the Trans Housing Coalition, and Clerk of the Board of Trustees for the Friends School of Atlanta. She also serves as an advisor for community groups advocating for affordable housing and supporting our unhoused neighbors. Sara lives in the City of Atlanta with her wife and son.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Nonprofit Developer Experience; Research and Evaluation Sector Representative; LGBTQ Representative or Deep

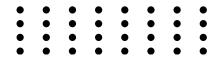
Experience with LGBTQ Housing Issues; Live or Work

Extensively in DeKalb County Outside the City of Atlanta

Extensively in DeKalb County Outside the City of Atlanta

<u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Rental Housing Preservation (Co-Chair); Policy Working Group

Other Affiliations: Atlanta Women's Affordable Housing Network (VP of Communications); Trans Housing Coalition Board; Friends School of Atlanta (Board Clerk)



## RICHARD SLATON (INCUMBENT) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SENIOR COMMERCIAL BANKER, JPMORGAN CHASE

Richard S. Slaton is Executive Director, Senior Commercial Banker, JPMorgan Chase. Prior to JPMorgan Chase, he was Senior Vice President within Bank of America Merrill Lynch's Global Commercial Banking Group, Community Development Bank, where he provided financing, made equity investments and developed real estate, as well as delivered other creative financial products in low- and moderate-income areas across the country. Prior to Bank of America, he was Director of Real Estate with MARTA. From 2004 to 2015, Mr. Slaton worked as the Real Estate Investment Manager within the Real Estate Services Group at U.S. Trust, where he provided real estate asset management, investment management and advisory services. Prior to U.S. Trust, he worked as a Real Estate Development Manager with The Integral Group, where he focused on the development of mixed-use, conventionally financed projects. During Mr. Slaton's career he also worked at Wachovia Bank as a Real Estate Lender and Fulton County Government as a Real Estate Manager. Mr. Slaton graduated from Morehouse College with a BA in Finance and minors in Real Estate and Accounting. He holds an MBA in Finance from Kennesaw State University. He is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and a licensed Georgia real estate broker. Mr. Slaton is on the Morehouse College business school faculty. Mr. Slaton is Past President of GA CCIM Chapter and a CCIM Instructor. Mr. Slaton also served on the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors Board of Directors and on the American Real Estate Society's Research Committee.

Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics: Corporate Sector Representative;

Financial/Banking Sector Representative; Education/ Academic Sector Representative

<u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Funders Collective; Pipeline Review Committee

Other Affiliations: Morehouse College business school faculty; GA Certified Commercial Investment Member; Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors; American Real Estate Society; Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership Advisory Board; Atlanta Affordable Housing Fund Investment Committee





## CATHRYN VASSELL (INCUMBENT) CEO, PARTNERS FOR HOME

Cathryn Vassell has dedicated her career to working with individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals living in marginalized communities for over 25 years. She currently serves as the CEO of Partners for HOME where she creates and executes the strategy for making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring in Atlanta. Prior to her current role, Cathryn served concurrently as the Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer for St. Joseph's Health System, and the Behavioral Health Coordinator for Mercy Care, Inc. There, she was instrumental in the development and management of a holistically integrated medical and behavioral health care program across 13 clinic sites. She previously served as the Program Director for City of Refuge, a shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness and as a client advocate at the Bronx Defenders, providing holistic legal defense to justice impacted individuals. Cathryn has a Juris Doctor from Georgia State University School of Law, a MSW from Hunter College School of Social Work, was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2012 and is a licensed, clinical social worker. When she's not strategizing on ending homelessness, Cathryn and her husband are learning how to parent teenagers and hyperactive Galileo. Australian Shepherd named tame а https://www.linkedin.com/in/cathryn-vassell-formerly-marchman-esq-lcsw-96683827/.

<u>Attested Match with Board Sought Characteristics:</u> Nonprofit Developer Experience <u>HouseATL Working Groups and Committees:</u> Board Governance Committee

