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Speaker Bios

Andy Altman, Principal and Co-Founder, Fivesquares Development



A visionary, internationally recognized urban planner and developer, Andy began drawing plans of cities by the time he was 10. Andy served as Director of Washington, DC's Office of Planning where he created and directed the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative which framed Washington's iconic neighborhoods including the Wharf, and The Ballpark District. Andy was most recently CEO of the Olympic Park Legacy Company in London where he led the transformation of the 500-acre London 2012 Olympic Park – the largest regeneration project in the United Kingdom. Andy also serves at MIT as a Senior Advisor to the Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning where he works on international initiatives and will be teaching a course on “city building”. He also serves on boards in Washington DC, including the Folger Theater, Field School and DCJCC.

David Bowers, Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Market, Enterprise Community Partners



David Bowers is vice president, Mid-Atlantic market and senior advisor, Faith-Based Development Initiative for Enterprise Community Partners. David's work includes facilitating affordable housing and community development transactions, and policy implementation in collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. David leads a team that provides access to financing, capacity building and technical assistance to local developers, and participates with local coalitions advocating for increased resources for affordable housing and community development.

David earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his Master of Divinity degree from Howard University. He is an ordained minister and the founder of the all-volunteer NO MURDERS DC movement, launched in 2000.

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Catherine Buell, Director, Amazon Housing Equity Fund



As Director of Amazon's Housing Equity Fund, Catherine Buell is responsible for long-term and innovative programs that address civic priorities in the communities where Amazon employees live and work. Catherine helped launch and currently oversees Amazon's Housing Equity Fund, a more than \$2 billion commitment to preserve and create over 20,000 affordable housing units in Washington State's Puget Sound region; Arlington, Virginia region; and Nashville, Tennessee. Amazon's Housing Equity Fund will help preserve existing housing and help create inclusive housing developments through below-market loans and grants to housing partners, traditional and non-traditional public agencies, and minority-led organizations. She is a cum laude graduate of Spelman College and the Georgetown University Law Center.

Cheryl Cort, Policy Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth



Cheryl Cort is Policy Director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth (CSG), the leading non-profit advocacy organization addressing where and how the Washington, D.C. region grows. She leads CSG's equitable development efforts, working with a broad range of activists, practitioners and officials to promote inclusive, transit-oriented communities. She leads CSG's work with Prince George's activists, and RISE Prince George's, a group supported by CSG, to help realize the TOD potential of the county and build walkable, prosperous and inclusive communities. In DC, she is working to implement the Comprehensive Plan update which she helped shape, and ensure more housing and more affordable housing are built, especially in Rock Creek West (Ward 3). Cheryl holds a B.S. from University of California, Berkeley, and a M.S. in Conservation Biology from University of Maryland, College Park.

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Christian Dorsey, Vice-Chair, Arlington County Board



Christian Dorsey was first elected to the Arlington County Board in 2015 and is now serving his second term as Vice-Chair, having previously served as Chair in 2019. Christian is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), where he has represented Arlington since 2016. Previously, Mr. Dorsey served as Arlington's Member on the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) in 2019 and 2021.

Additionally, Christian served as a Principal Member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and as a Commissioner on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission from 2016-2020. Outside of public service, Mr. Dorsey engages as a policy and communications consultant supporting progressive organizations in realizing their missions. Prior to joining the Board, Christian was a senior leader at the Economic Policy Institute, a think tank that promotes economic policies that foster broadly shared prosperity.

Andrew Friedson, Vice President, Montgomery County Council



Andrew Friedson is the District 1 Councilmember representing western and southwestern Montgomery County. He serves on the Planning, Housing, & Economic Development and the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy Committees.

On the Council, he led the effort to add millions in additional funding for affordable housing and critical transportation projects such as the Capital Crescent Trail tunnel in Bethesda and White Flint Metro Station Northern Entrance. As the Council's Lead for Parks, he restored \$1.9 million in proposed cuts to our parks system to promote open space and has become a widely respected advocate for livable, walkable communities to improve quality of life.

A longtime volunteer, advocate, and leader with local charities and community-based organizations, Andrew has continued his passionate advocacy for nonprofits while on the Council, and was awarded the 2019 Phyllis Campbell Newsome Public Policy Leadership Award from the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. Prior to joining the Council, Andrew served as senior policy advisor and deputy chief of staff to the Comptroller of Maryland.

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Evan Glass, President, Montgomery County Council



Evan Glass has been fighting for the people of Montgomery County for more than 15 years. During that time, he has engaged with all levels of the county, from organizing neighborhood associations and serving as non-profit leader to advocating for small-business growth and championing effective government. When Evan saw that thousands of his neighbors were walking to the Metro on unsafe sidewalks and crosswalks, he helped form the South Silver Spring Neighborhood Association. He successfully advocated for new infrastructure and pedestrian safety initiatives during his six years as president. As housing costs continued to rise, Evan got to work as vice president of the board of Montgomery Housing Partnership. Through his service, he helped create more affordable housing and expand social service programs for low-income communities.

Evan came to the Washington area to attend American University, receiving degrees in journalism and political science. After a 12-year career as a CNN journalist holding Congress accountable, Evan committed his life to building a stronger Montgomery County. Evan lives in Silver Spring with his husband Jason and their two rescue beagles, Daisy and Percy.

Calvin Gladney, President and CEO of Smart Growth America



Calvin Gladney, LEED AP, is President and CEO of Smart Growth America (SGA) and has led community revitalization efforts in dozens of communities around the country as a private consultant, a real estate developer, and as a government official. His work over the last 15 years has been centered on the intersection of land use, transportation, and economic development – all of which will be important in addressing our climate crisis, and our longstanding racial equity issues. Prior to SGA, he was Managing Partner of Mosaic Urban, a real estate advisory services and development firm. In 2017, Mr. Gladney was the Urban Land Institute's Senior Visiting Fellow for Equity. Before establishing Mosaic, he served as VP of the Anacostia Waterfront Corp. (AWC), a D.C. quasi-public agency focused on environmentally-friendly redevelopment.

Mr. Gladney graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, received his B.S. from Cornell University, and is a LEED Accredited Professional. He is a Trustee of the Urban Land Institute and a Board member of the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF), and the Center for Community Progress. He is also a member of ULI's national Responsible Property Investment Council (RPIC). In his spare time, Mr. Gladney...Mr. Gladney doesn't have any spare time. But he will

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make time for you. You can connect with Calvin on Twitter and on Instagram @SmartGrowthCEO.

Drew Hubbard, Interim Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development



Drew Hubbard was appointed Interim Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on October 1, 2021 by Mayor Muriel Bowser. He has held several leadership positions within DHCD, including as Deputy Director and Chief Administrative Officer, where he oversaw human resources, contracting and procurement, and stewardship of the agency's budget. Immediately prior to joining DHCD, Mr. Hubbard served as Associate Director of the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES). Drew has over a decade of experience in the legislative and executive branches of the District of Columbia. His experience includes many years on staff at the Council of the District of Columbia, where he served as a Legislative Director and Committee Director with a primary focus on affordable housing, workforce development and re-entry policy. He also served as the Federal Relations-Policy Analyst for the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs within the Executive Office of the Mayor. Mr. Hubbard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Morehouse College and a Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School.

George Leventhal, Director of Community Health, Kaiser Permanente



George L. Leventhal, Ph.D. has worked since December 2018 as Director of Community Health for Kaiser Permanente's Mid-Atlantic region. In this role, he develops policies for, and provides oversight and support to, a range of activities that address social determinants of health in the region, including: access to health care for the uninsured, affordable housing, homelessness, food security, and behavioral health in schools. Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Leventhal served 16 years on the Montgomery County Council in Maryland. Dr. Leventhal earned his Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Maryland. He also holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley.

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Liz Price, Vice President of Real Estate & Parking, WMATA

Dan Reed, Regional Policy Director, Greater Greater Washington



Dan Reed is Greater Greater Washington's regional policy director, focused on housing and land use policy in Maryland and Northern Virginia. For a decade prior, Dan was a transportation planner working with communities all over North America to make their streets safer, enjoyable, and equitable. Their writing has appeared in publications including *Washingtonian*, *CityLab*, and *Shelterforce*, as well as *Just Up The Pike*, a neighborhood blog founded in 2006. Dan received a Master of City Planning degree from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Maryland.

Hans Riemer, former Montgomery County Councilmember



Hans Riemer, first elected to the County Council in 2010, represented one million Montgomery County residents as an At-Large Member.

Hans has dedicated his public service career to creating opportunity for all people to achieve their potential. As a Councilmember, he worked towards this vision by advocating to fund public education and public transportation, early childhood programs, libraries, recreation, human services, housing and economic development. A dedicated environmentalist, Hans works hard to strengthen

Montgomery County's superb rural, suburban and urban areas by placing walkability, public transportation and sustainability at the center of our planning goals.

Before serving on the County Council, Hans established a record as an innovator in political engagement. He served as National Youth Vote Director for the historic Obama for America campaign in 2007, and previously as political director for *Rock the Vote*, where he helped register nearly a million voters. Hans also served as a senior advisor at AARP and, since his earliest work in Washington, has been a national leader on protecting Social Security from efforts to privatize the program.

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Angie Rodgers, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Prince George's County



Angie Rodgers currently serves as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for Economic Development in the Prince George's County (MD) Office of the County Executive. She is committed to improving how we plan, design, finance, build and support communities that can deliver the same opportunities and benefits to people of all backgrounds, and can specifically move low-income households toward areas of opportunity rather than away from them. Ms. Rodgers spent 17 years working in affordable housing, community and economic development across multiple sectors to advance this goal. In that time, she has provided real estate

development, finance, policy, research and advocacy services to organizations throughout the DC metropolitan region and beyond. She has 10 years of experience specifically focused on mixed finance transactions - seven of that directly managing development projects, and over four years underwriting public gap finance requests and overseeing the District of Columbia government's participation in large-scale, multi-phase mixed-income and mixed-use developments.

Senthil Sankaran, Principal, Amazon Housing Equity Fund



As Principal of the Amazon Housing Equity Fund, Senthil is responsible for the deployment and management of Amazon's commitment of over \$2 billion in below-market capital, in the form of loans and grants, to preserve and create over 20,000 affordable homes in Amazon's 'hometown' communities: The Puget Sound region of Washington State, the Arlington, VA/Greater Washington region, and Nashville, Tennessee.

Prior to Amazon, Senthil has served in a variety of real estate development leadership roles in both the private and public sectors. As SVP, Real Estate Development & Capital Programs at the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), Senthil led DCHA's strategic portfolio repositioning and rehabilitation efforts. He also served as Senior Director of Development focused on the Union Market neighborhood in Washington, DC for EDENS – a firm specializing in the acquisition, entitlement and development of mixed-use, urban infill, real estate projects. Prior to EDENS, Senthil served as Director of Real Estate Development for the Government of the District of Columbia in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development (DMPED) where he managed a multi-billion dollar portfolio of large-scale, mixed use, public-private real estate development projects on behalf of the District — most of which required the structuring and deployment of layered public financing tools such as Tax Increment



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Financing (TIF), proceeds of securitized revenue bonds, capital budget funding and real property tax abatements. Senthil began his real estate career as a real estate financial advisory consultant with Jones Lang LaSalle's Public Institutions practice in Washington, DC.

Senthil received an MBA as a John F. Connelly Foundation Scholar of Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and holds a BA in Government/International Relations from Georgetown University as well.