

Community Conversation on Affordable Housing Panelists

Mayor Kate Stewart



Kate lives in Takoma Park with her husband Jon Griffith and two daughters. Kate & Jon started their lives together renting a house on Philadelphia Avenue and then moved to Elm Avenue where they have lived for almost 20 years. Kate is a Principal at ConwayStrategic, a communications firm which specializes in developing innovative action plans to change policy, shaping public opinion research, and creating research-driven communications and advocacy strategies. Before working at ConwayStrategic, Kate served as the Executive Vice President of Advocates for Youth, an organization that works in the U.S. and internationally to empower young people. Before Advocates, Kate was a partner in a research and communications firm where she provided strategic advice to a range of progressive organizations. Kate has also taught as an Adjunct Professor at American University and is currently on the Urban Institutes' Internal Review Board. Kate received her BA from Haverford College and her Master of Science from the University of Maryland.

City Manager Suzanne Ludlow



Suzanne Ludlow was appointed City Manager on April 1, 2015. Ludlow is a member of the International City County Management Association and adheres to the association's ethics provisions. She is also a Certified Planner (American Institute of Certified Planners/American Planning Association) and a Certified Public Manager through the Institute of Regional Excellence/George Washington University. She received a BA in Urban Studies from Oberlin College and an MS in Urban Affairs/Economic Development from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Before coming to Takoma Park, she worked for the city governments of Greensboro, NC and Rochester, NY. Ludlow's career with the City of Takoma Park began in 1993 as Assistant Director of Housing and Community Development. She has held a number of positions over the years, including Unification Coordinator and Community and Government Liaison. She became Deputy City Manager in 2008 and held that position until she was named City Manager in 2015.

Peter Aron, Landlord



Peter is a long-time resident of Takoma Park and the father of two daughters. Professionally, he has worked as an inner-city elementary school teacher, a legal services attorney serving poor and indigent clients, and most recently as a clinical social worker, working with low income children and families in East Baltimore.

Hilary Chapman, Housing Program Manager, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments



Hilary S. Chapman is the Housing Program Manager for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). At COG, Ms. Chapman convenes regional leaders who work directly to solve the challenges of homelessness and affordable housing and provides research and analysis to support local housing policy and practice. Prior to joining COG, Ms. Chapman spent nearly a decade as an affordable housing developer, working with public housing authorities nationally to redevelop their most distressed housing units. She also served the Government of the District of Columbia as a Capital City Fellow. Ms. Chapman has a master in city planning degree from MIT and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from The College of William & Mary.

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Mario Cristaldo, Organizer, City of Takoma Park



Mario Cristaldo works as a community organizer for the City of Takoma Park in the Tenant Capacity Building Initiative. For eight years, Mario worked for Manna, Inc., a non-profit housing developer that focuses on homeownership opportunities for low and mid-income families. He was in charge of coordinating tenant purchase projects and community relations. Mario also worked for the Department of Housing and Community Development in Washington, DC as an Inclusionary Zoning Specialist and for At-Large DC Council Member Anita Bonds, advising her on issues related to Affordable Housing and Community Affairs.

Sara Anne Daines, Housing & Community Development Director, City of Takoma Park



Sara Anne Daines is the Director of the City of Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department. Prior to joining the City in 2002, Sara worked in a similar capacity for communities in Minnesota and Iowa, where she was responsible for a variety of programming ranging from affordable housing and property management to economic development, community planning and historic preservation. In her current position, she is responsible for the administration of the City's rental housing programs, its landlord tenant services, and a number of affordable homeownership initiatives.

Chris Estes, President & CEO, National Housing Conference



Chris Estes is NHC's President and CEO. Chris began his tenure at NHC in July 2012, coming from North Carolina, where he led the North Carolina Housing Coalition for nine years. NHC serves as a resource for the affordable housing community on housing policy issues and research on both the challenges and best practices in affordable housing today. Chris leads the NHC's strategic direction for its policy, communications, and research work. He has experience in community organizing, affordable housing development and credit syndication. He has written about the linkage between affordable housing and transportation, and public health, and worked on issues of foreclosure prevention and housing for those with disabilities. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he majored in economics and industrial relations. He also has two masters' degrees from UNC-CH in Social Work and City and Regional Planning.

Lisa Govoni, Research Planner, Montgomery County Planning Department

Lisa Govoni is the Housing Research Planner at the Montgomery County Planning Department. Prior to starting this position in January 2016, Lisa was a Planner I at the Delaware State Housing Authority, serving as the primary research and GIS contact for housing related issues. Lisa has a MCP in Community Planning and a MPS in Geographic Information Systems from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Artie Harris, Vice President of Real Estate & Community Development, Montgomery Housing Partnership



Artie Harris is VP of Real Estate at Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP). Founded in 1989, MHP's mission is to preserve and expand affordable housing in Montgomery County. Artie has a broad range of development experience - land and building acquisitions, site entitlements (both new construction and rehab), senior and multi-family projects, and tax credit and conventional financing. Mr. Harris is LEED certified and has 23 years of experience developing multi-family housing and retail facilities, plus an additional nine years of managing design and construction projects for commercial high-rise and industrial buildings. Prior to joining MHP, Mr. Harris was Vice President at Bozzuto Development Company where he led teams in developing over 2,000 units in both market-rate and mixed-income communities. Artie, his wife Susy, and their two daughters are long-time residents of Takoma Park.

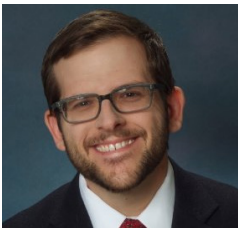
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Rozanne Look, Organizer, City of Takoma Park



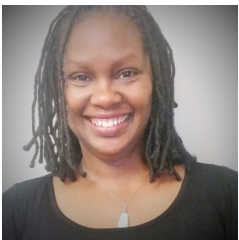
Rozanne Look is the Director of Project Development for the non-profit housing developer Manna, Inc. She manages an annual real estate development pipeline of 60-90 units, and has experience in rental, single family, condominium and cooperative development. She also staffs the Tenant Organizing and Capacity Building program for the City of Takoma Park. Previously, she worked as a project manager for Washington Inner City Self Help (WISH) where she provided both legal and housing development services to over 20 different tenant associations, and as a managing attorney of the Housing Division of the DC Legal Aid Society, where she handled an extensive caseload in civil litigation as well as regulatory law and tenant purchase/conversion law. She served as president of the Beecher Cooperative for six years. She also served for five years as a member of the board of directors of the Washington Area Community Development Fund where she chaired the Loan Committee for three years. Ms. Look served for two years as the President of the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development, and is currently on the executive committee of the Coalition. Ms. Look received a JD Degree from Antioch Law School and a BS Degree from Illinois State University.

Dan Metcalf, Realtor, Finn Family Group of Long & Foster



Dan Metcalf has worked in real estate in the Washington, DC area since 2005. His sense of community has origins in Takoma Park, but was bolstered through time spent with the Peace Corps in Africa. While in Ghana he witnessed firsthand the unique camaraderie that exists amongst villagers - how various members of the community work together and all rely on each other for life's most essential needs. When his journey came full circle and he moved back to Takoma Park, he recognized that same spirit here.

Vineda Myers, Director of Housing Programs, CHEER



Vineda is a recipient of the Takoma Foundation's distinguished Azalea Award, a proud Takoma Park resident of 14 years, and an experienced community organizer with over 17 years of experience in customer service, logistics, management, and outreach. In addition to her work as the Director of Housing Programs for CHEER, she is an active volunteer in her community and a COLTA Commissioner for the City of Takoma Park. She is also a Takoma Foundation board member, a CHEER Community Advisory Board member, served her community as a two term PTA President, taught an ESOL class, and participated in the Piney Branch Action Team with IMPACT Silver Spring.

Peter Tatian, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute



Peter Tatian is a senior fellow in the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center at the Urban Institute, where he researches housing policy, neighborhood indicators, and community development. Tatian leads NeighborhoodInfo DC, a neighborhood data system and civic engagement tool, which is part of Urban's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership. He also heads Urban's work providing technical assistance on data collection and use to grantees of the US Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods initiative. Tatian directed the evaluation of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling program, which provided counseling services to over 1 million troubled homeowners. He also leads the Neighborhood Change Database 2010 project, which brings together comparable neighborhood-level indicators from the 1970 to 2010 decennial censuses. Tatian has researched the impact of public and supportive housing on neighborhoods for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and has worked on housing policy reform in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.