

## Webinar: Modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act

### *Speaker Biographies*



**David M. Dworkin** joined NHC as president and CEO in January 2018. Prior to joining NHC, David worked as a senior housing policy analyst at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he advised senior Treasury Department officials on matters related to housing and community development. His expertise includes credit availability, housing finance reform, mortgage servicing, affordable housing, access to credit, residential housing vacancy, abandonment and demolition and community stabilization strategies. He also served as a member of the White House's Detroit interagency team, where his responsibilities included developing and implementing strategies to assist in the City of Detroit's revitalization.

Previously, he managed the Capital Magnet Fund (CMF) at the Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, which disbursed \$80 million in grants for economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to CDFIs and nonprofit housing organizations.

Prior to joining the Treasury Department, he was CEO and founder of Affiniti Strategies, a political consulting firm that assisted clients to build political relationship capital. Mr. Dworkin served in a number of leadership positions at Fannie Mae, where he served General Counsels Robert Zoellick and Thomas Donilon.

His service in the administration of President George H.W. Bush included working as the State Department's acting deputy assistant secretary for legislative affairs. As national security advisor to Rep. Rod Chandler of Washington, he was recognized by Secretary of State James A. Baker III for his key role in the negotiation of the Bipartisan Accord on Central America, which led to the end of Nicaragua's civil war and inauguration of its first democratically elected government.

Mr. Dworkin was a freelance foreign correspondent and photographer for The Detroit News, where he covered the war in Afghanistan. In 1984, he was the first Western journalist to cross the Safed Koh mountain range with the rebels fighting in the region known as Tora Bora.

He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife Hayley Hoffman.



**Gerron Levi** is the director of policy and government affairs at the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. She is an attorney with nearly 20 years of federal and state government affairs experience. Her background includes serving in the Maryland General Assembly, where she authored laws on education, crime and ex-offender reentry and was a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Foundation of Women Legislators and the American Council of Young Political Leaders. During her tenure, the Maryland State's Attorneys Association named her Legislator of the Year in 2010. She also served as assistant director of the legislation department at the AFL-CIO and as a legislative representative for the Laborers' International Union. She lobbied Congress on a host of law around wages, working conditions, immigration, trade, health care and pensions. She is featured in the documentary, *How Democracy Works Now*, as the top lobbyist for the AFL-CIO on federal immigration reform. She also served as senior staff for former Rep. Gus Savage and for Sen. Dianne Feinstein. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and Howard University School of Law.



**James V. Matthews** is the senior vice president for Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) strategy and program management and external affairs at Capital One. Mr. Matthews joined Capital One in 2008 as senior vice president and has worked in banking for 33 years. He heads the CRA Strategy and Program Management group and is a member of the External Affairs Leadership Team. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing all aspects of the CRA function including: designing strategy and building infrastructure to the level of a top ten bank; managing goal-setting, monitoring and reporting; conducting self-assessments, managing CRA regulatory relations including policy matters and maintaining examination readiness and ensuring data integrity for the annual small business lending and public commitment filings.

Prior to joining Capital One, he worked at U.S. Bancorp, where he was responsible for CRA and Fair Lending Compliance, and National City and predecessor organizations, where he spent most of his career and had similar responsibilities.

Mr. Matthews has served on a number of local boards and commissions. Examples include Junior Achievement, a community action agency, a public board of education, a regional food bank and an anti-predatory lending initiative as an industry representative. He is the immediate past chair of both the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders and the Community Reinvestment Committee of the Consumer Bankers Association.

Mr. Matthews earned a bachelor's in mathematics, economics and geography from the University of Pittsburgh. He also completed the American Bankers Association's National Compliance and National Graduate Compliance Schools, has been an instructor for the American Institute of Banking, often speaks at industry conferences and frequently engages in matters of CRA policy.



**Benson F. "Buzz" Roberts** is the president and CEO of the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders.

Buzz was the director of the Office of Small Business, Community Development and Housing Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury from 2011 to 2015. He was previously senior vice president for policy and program development at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the nation's largest nonprofit investor in low-income community development. Buzz has helped to create the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, the New Markets Tax Credit, the HOME housing partnerships program, regulatory changes to the Community Reinvestment Act, the Capital Magnet Fund (a

Treasury-HUD partnership to finance affordable rental housing) and bond guarantees for CDFIs.

He has been a board member of several national nonprofit organizations and coalitions and has written extensively about affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.