

2021 National Homeownership Month: Advancing Racial Equity in Homeownership

Industry Perspectives

Panel 1 -

Data Trends:

Chris Herbert – Managing Director, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University

Dr. Herbert leads the team responsible for producing the Center's annual *State of the Nation's Housing* and its biennial *America's Rental Housing* reports, essential resources for both public and private decision makers in the housing industry. The Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies advances understanding of housing issues and informs policy.

<https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/chris-herbert>

Real Estate:

Ray Carlisle, Sr. – President and Co-Founder, National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Investment Division (NID Housing)

Mr. Carlisle is a nationally recognized expert on urban resident and commercial valuations, finance, redevelopment strategies, and equitable minority inclusion policy development and monitoring. National Association of Real Estate Brokers' (NAREB) Investment Division is NID Housing, a HUD-approved national intermediary housing counseling and community development organization.

<https://www.nidhousing.com/about/management-and-staff/>

Panel 2 -

Lending:

Scott Olson - Executive Director, Community Home Lenders Association

Mr. Olson has extensive experience working on Capitol Hill, where he served as Housing Policy Director on the House Financial Services Committee for 15 years. He worked extensively on housing finance issues, including GSE reform, FHA legislation, mortgage regulations, and mortgage servicing issues. The Community Home Lenders Association (CHLA) is a national non-profit association of small and mid-sized community-based mortgage lenders.

<https://www.communitylender.org/who-is-chla/>

Peter Torres Greer – President, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) of Puerto Rico

Mr. Greer has decades of experience in the mortgage industry which has included sales, processing, underwriting, management, administration, and supervision, as well as wholesale and the secondary market. He is also a professor of the MBA of Puerto Rico's school which is educating native islanders in all facets of the mortgage industry. The MBA of Puerto Rico is an association of mortgage lenders working on the island on issues that surround the mortgage industry.

Panel 3 -

Housing Counseling:

Ivy Perez - Manager, Policy and Research at Center for NYC Neighborhoods

Ms. Perez has led policy and research projects for the Center for New York City Neighborhoods over the last several years and is actively engaged in her organization's work as a local housing counseling agency (LHCA). The Center promotes and protects affordable homeownership in New York so that middle- and working-class families are able to live in strong, thriving communities.

<https://cnycn.org/>

Seema Agnani, Executive Director, National CAPACD

Ms. Agnani has decades of experience leading housing counseling work specifically geared toward Asian and Pacific Islander clients. National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD) works in the community development and immigrant rights sectors, focused primarily on the challenges of providing housing, economic opportunity, and support systems for new immigrants.

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