

Corporate Ownership of Housing: Policy Innovation and Organizing

Speaker Biographies

Devin Culbertson is dedicated to scaling ownership of housing nationwide by combining technical expertise with a thoughtful, patient approach to problem-solving. As the leader of Grounded Solutions' Innovative Finance practice, Devin provides technical assistance to housing organizations and collaborates with financial institutions to create products and strategies that ensure long-term housing affordability while fostering wealth-building opportunities. Devin also serves as Managing Director of the Homes for the Future Fund, focusing on acquiring single-family homes and investor portfolios to preserve affordability and create community wealth through ownership.

Alexa DeRosa is a research analyst at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency serving the 101 cities and towns of Greater Boston. Her work consists of mapping, data analysis, mixed-methods research, and product development to support regional planning and policy. She is the lead analyst and co-author of MAPC's Homes for Profit research product which examines the scale and scope of corporate and speculative housing investment in Greater Boston, with a focus on the impact of institutional and LLC investors. She received a BA in international development from McGill University and a master's degree in public policy from Northeastern University.

David Greenberg is Vice President, Community Research and Impact (CRI) at LISC. CRI conducts rigorous studies to evaluate both LISC's own initiatives and the public policies that shape outcomes in urban and rural areas. CRI also supports program design and systems change efforts, in collaboration with LISC's national programs, local offices, and their partners. Before LISC he was a Senior Associate with the social policy research nonprofit MDRC, directed policy and advocacy for a coalition of 90 community housing organizations in New York City and organized with shelter residents in the municipal shelter system. He holds a Ph.D. in urban and regional planning from MIT.

Leah Hendey is a principal research associate in the Housing and Communities Division at the Urban Institute, where her research focuses on policy to improve urban neighborhoods. She is experienced in transforming national and local administrative datasets to create neighborhood indicators and study neighborhood conditions. Since 2007, Hendey has been involved in Urban's work with the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) and serves as its codirector. She provides strategic direction to the network, led an effort to provide technical assistance to build local data intermediary capacity in two sites, and managed NNIP's work on using Integrated Data Systems to address neighborhood policy problems.

Tara Raghuvver is the director of the Tenant Union Federation. The Tenant Union Federation organizes tenants to wield power at a massive scale, bargain for tenant protections, disrupt the flow of capital to those who commodify homes, secure alternatives to the current housing market, guarantee housing as a public good, and to establish tenants as a political and economic class that cannot be ignored. Tara is also the co-founder and director of KC Tenants, the 10,000+ member citywide tenant union in Kansas City, Missouri, where she lives.