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Is Pandemic Mortgage Relief Helping Homeowners?

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JOHN PENDLETON

Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, U.S. Government Accountability Office

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John Pendleton is a Director in GAO's Financial Markets & Community Investment team. He oversees reviews of housing programs as well as the resilience of financial markets and insurance programs. John has recently led reviews of efforts to rebuild military readiness and challenges facing the Navy in the wake of deadly collisions in 2017.

John joined GAO's Norfolk office in July 1987. John then spent 4 years in GAO's European Office in Frankfurt, Germany (from 1991 to 1995), and then moved to GAO's Atlanta office. John was awarded GAO's Distinguished Service Award in 2012 and 2017, and has received other awards for leadership and mentoring.



MATT RABE

Analyst, Financial Markets and Community Investment, U.S. Government Accountability Office

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Matt Rabe is a policy analyst on the Financial Markets and Community Investment Team (FMCI) at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (USGAO). FMCI helps ensure that U.S. financial markets function smoothly and effectively. They also assess the effectiveness of federal initiatives aimed at small businesses, state and local governments, and communities.

He has been with USGAO since 2017. Prior to this role, Mr. Rabe worked as an evaluation coordinator at Indiana University Health while he got his Master's Degree in Public Policy Analysis, Economic Development.

PANELISTS



MEG BURNS

Executive Vice President, Housing Policy Council

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Meg Burns is the Housing Policy Council's Executive Vice President. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the association's regulatory policy, government affairs, and membership services. Meg joined HPC as the SVP for Mortgage Policy, managing various regulatory and housing finance policy activities and engaging with federal policymakers.

Before joining HPC, Meg was a Partner at a DC-based housing finance advisory firm. Most of Meg's career has been dedicated to federal service. She served as the Senior Associate Director of the Office of Housing and Regulatory Policy at the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), overseeing the policy activities of the GSEs in conservatorship, including several high-impact projects, like the Servicing Alignment Initiative and redesign of the HARP program. Meg was also the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs and Communications at FHFA and the Director for Single Family Program Development at the Federal Housing Administration.



CHRYSTAL KORNEGAY

Executive Director, MassHousing

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Chrystal Kornegay currently serves as Executive Director of MassHousing which lends over \$1 billion annually to produce and preserve affordable rental housing and create homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income borrowers. Under Ms. Kornegay's leadership, MassHousing launched a highly successful Down Payment Assistance program; secured over \$80 million to expand its Workforce Housing initiative; and developed a nationally recognized program for homeownership production in communities of color.

Before joining MassHousing, Ms. Kornegay served as the Baker-Polito Administration's Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development where she successfully advocated to increase state capital dollars for affordable housing by almost 18%; partnered to increase rental subsidies for low-income families by 42%; and collaborated to dramatically reduce the number of homeless families in motels. Prior to her work as Undersecretary, Ms. Kornegay was President and Chief Executive Officer at Urban Edge, one of New England's largest community development corporations.



DANA WADE

Chief Production Officer, Walker & Dunlop

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Dana Wade, Chief Production Officer of the FHA Finance team, is based out of Walker & Dunlop's headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. Ms. Wade is responsible for the oversight of the production team for Walker & Dunlop's multifamily lending through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Wade will also be responsible for helping drive the company's affordable housing financing activities.

Ms. Wade previously served as the Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration where she was responsible for carrying out the agency's mission of providing affordable housing for moderate and low-income households, implementing enhanced risk management for FHA's \$1.4 trillion portfolio, and leading over 2,400 employees. Prior to joining the FHA, Wade served as Associate Director at the Office of Management and Budget. Ms. Wade also held senior roles in Congress, including Deputy Staff Director for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MODERATOR



SARA SINGHAS

Director, Loan Administration, Mortgage Bankers Association

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Sara Singhas is Director of Loan Administration in the Public Policy and Industry Relations department at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA). In this role, she manages MBA's legislative and regulatory strategy for residential loan administration and works with federal housing regulators, investors, and guarantors to improve and streamline servicing requirements. Sara also oversees MBA's policy work related to flood insurance and natural disaster recovery and is a frequent speaker on industry issues. Prior to joining MBA, Sara worked with the Community Mortgage Banking Project and previously served as general counsel to the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Sara received her Juris Doctor and Bachelor's degree in International Management from the University of New Mexico.