A message from the Pathways sponsor:

CBRE is honored to be a sponsor of ULI’s Pathways to Inclusion initiative. Attracting and developing diverse talent enables our industry to grow, innovate and align with our global community. The objectives of the Pathways to Inclusion program accomplish this by expanding ULI’s membership and providing growth opportunities to underrepresented professionals.

CBRE is focused on diversity and inclusion with a mission to provide a work environment that attracts, develops and celebrates the professional success of every individual. To accomplish this, CBRE invests in diverse recruiting efforts and organization partnerships, talent development and mentorship, employee network groups and overall engagement. We look forward to providing continued support of ULI and its related diversity and inclusion efforts.

A message from ULI Washington:

The mission of the Urban Land Institute is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities. ULI Washington carries forth that mission by serving the Washington region, in both public and private sectors, with pragmatic land use expertise and education.

ULI Washington has the second largest membership in the Urban Land Institute network with a little over 2500 members in the Washington region including the surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. Our members are involved in all aspects of the development and city planning process – private, public, and non-profit.

We are excited to add the Pathways to Inclusion diversity initiative to our offerings. We deeply care about the future of ULI Washington and share a desire to see the district council and the industry strengthened by attracting more People of Color. This initiative is a first step in defining a vision for how to increase diversity. Over the next year, we will explore additional ways to provide opportunities for participation in ULI Washington by diverse real estate professionals, and opportunities to develop partnerships outside of ULI to assist with these goals.
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Nohely Alvarez is the Project Coordinator for the Northern Gateway Community Development Corporation. The CDC works in the unincorporated communities of District 2 in Prince George’s County such as Langley Park, Adelphi, and Chillum to name a few. She is interested in learning more about the approaches that stakeholders and planners take on diverse and multi-ethnic immigrant communities. As such, this her topic interest currently as a Ph.D. student at UMD’s Planning Program.

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Prior to joining Walker & Dunlop in 2009, Ernest was a consultant with Deutsche Bank Berkshire Mortgage and a Risk Officer/Underwriter with Wachovia Multifamily Capital, Inc., where he began his career in 2001. Ernest has a B.A. from the College of William and Mary. He completed the Mortgage Banker Association’s Future Leader Program in

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Samia Byrd, a native of Hampton, Virginia, has been a resident of Fairfax County since 1995. She has more than 20 years of experience in urban planning, housing and community economic development in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. She is a Deputy County Manager for Arlington County where her portfolio includes the Department of Community Planning Housing and Development which is comprised of the County’s Planning, Housing, Neighborhood Services, Historic Preservation, Zoning and Inspection Services Divisions. She is also
liaison to the County Board on behalf of the County Manager. Prior to this position she served as a Principal Planner in Arlington County’s Planning Division. She has managed and facilitated the review of several notable complex, multifaceted, development proposals and, having served as both Site Plan and Use Permit Coordinator, she was instrumental in providing oversight of, and managing the County’s special exception land use and development review processes. Her work as a planner for Arlington County builds upon her career providing consulting expertise, research and information to state and local practitioners on housing and community economic development policy, practices and programs. Prior to joining the County, Ms. Byrd served for more than eight years as a Manager with an affordable housing management consulting firm, Quadel Consulting. She has also served as Director of State Fiscal Analysis and Policy for the National Council of Nonprofit Associations, and a Research Associate with the Urban Land Institute.

Ms. Byrd holds both a Bachelor and Master of City Planning from the University of Virginia and Georgia Institute of Technology. She is an Alumni of the ULI Regional Land Use Leadership Institute and received her Certification of Public Management from The George Washington University/Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Ms. Byrd is an active member of: the Urban Land Institute; the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Planning Committee in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and the Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She resides in Springfield, Virginia with her husband and their two children.

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Andrea currently serves as a member of the Women’s Leadership Initiative Steering Committee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Prior to re-joining ULI Andrea served on two sub-committees with the District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA). Her passion for community service and neighborhood redevelopment is evident through her board leadership with Goodwill of Greater Washington’s Young Professionals Council, Shaw Main Streets, and Tenleytown Main Streets. Andrea has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and an M.B.A. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Hassain is a Detail-Oriented, ambitious, and goal-driven Professional with a Candidate of Masters in Real Estate Development and Finance looking to apply his academic and work experience into a progressive position. Knowledgeable and well-versed in performing due diligence, valuations and statistical analyses on properties and certain markets. Advanced communication and problem-solving skills, with a sound background in providing project support for all stages from initial design to completion. Adept at working within a team or independently in fast-paced environments. Capable of preparing financial models, forecasting trends and giving presentations.
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Born in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, Brandon has been in the DMV area since the late 80's. He's very knowledgeable about the past, present and future of real estate in The District of Columbia. His most recent experience has been in architecture, design and construction and this gives him a unique and creative eye when it comes to commercial and residential real estate sales and development. His specializations include: New Condo Development, First Time Home Buyers, House Flipping, Real Estate Investing and Education.

Inspired by HGTV, Brandon has bought and sold his own properties with a profit in mind and he continues to help people make decisions that will help them secure their financial future. In his spare time you can catch him checking out the local restaurant scene, playing social sports on the national mall, walking his dog or checking out new undiscovered parts of The District.

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A native Houstonian, Evelyn has recently moved to Washington D.C. to work as a Planner for the Department of Planning and Development in Fairfax County. Evelyn received her MS in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin, but prior to that was a teacher in Houston and Austin, Texas. As a former teacher, and woman of color, who taught brown and black children, it was overwhelming to learn there was a severe lack of faces that looked like hers and her students in a field that directly impacts their quality of life, and how they move throughout and interact with different spaces and built environments. She decided to enter the planning field and to traverse throughout this profession with planning for her former students in mind: working on influencing planning systems that can support the deconstruction of systemic structures that prevent disadvantaged populations to thrive.
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Radhika Mohan is a Principal Planner in the Neighborhood Planning and Community Development Division of the City of Alexandria, Virginia Department of Planning and Zoning. In this role, she leads complex, interdepartmental projects and their engagement with the community. She is currently working on the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus, which is part of the new Amazon headquarters located in Northern Virginia. In addition, Radhika has also worked on Alexandria’s City Strategic Plan, the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan, and implementation of other small area plans throughout the City.

Prior to working for the City of Alexandria, Radhika was Senior Program Manager for the Mayor’s Institute on City Design (MICD), a leadership initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the US Conference of Mayors. At MICD, Radhika worked with over 100 mayors and design professionals around the country on urban planning challenges and opportunities. Radhika holds Master’s Degrees in City and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Architecture from the University of Minnesota. Outside of her professional time, she enjoys running and walking around the city with her friends and family, and expanding her design thinking through the Memorials for the Future competition, where her team’s proposal was among the top 30 submissions.

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Barings, he is responsible for all aspects of CMBS B Piece deal investment analysis and ownership including sourcing, diligence, pricing, surveillance and asset management as well as supporting other Real Estate debt teams for creating and developing financial models. He passed all three levels of the CFA program in three consecutive years. He also has proficient Excel skills including Pivot Tables, VBA Macros, PowerPivot and PowerQuery as well as strong SQL skills for creating queries and managing data. In addition, he has proficient knowledge of real estate data providers such as Trepp, Bloomberg, Real Capital Analytics, CoStar, CBRE-EA etc. He is certified in Argus DCF and trained for Argus Enterprise, and also familiar with business analytics tools such as Tableau and Microsoft Power BI. He awarded CFA Scholarship and GE International Fellowship during MBA program. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

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Babatunde’s appointment is a clear reflection of MHCDO’s mission, “To help grow Ward 7 into the District of Columbia’s most welcoming, prospering, livable community for everyone.” We are excited about what his unique experience can do for us. We couldn’t be happier with him joining our organization and helping us and our community achieve growth and success.

Babatunde Oloyede throughout his career has held various leadership positions within organizations providing both managerial skills and mentoring. His career has encompassed advising clients, streamlining operations, negotiating contracts, managing assets, conducting due diligence, developing strategic initiatives for both the private and public sectors.

He developed, renovated, and managed over 40 single-family and multi-unit residential properties during his career. The majority of his projects focus on revitalizing distressed commercial and residential properties. Through his projects, Babatunde has become well versed in HUD housing standards and has acquired significant experience managing market rate and HUD subsidized units.

Additionally, Babatunde earned an Illinois Real estate Broker’s License. He was a member of former Mayor Vincent C. Gray’s Comprehensive Affordable Housing Task Force. In addition to his real estate and management experience, Babatunde assisted
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Babatunde earned a B.S. from Northwestern University and an M.B.A from the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester with a concentration in Finance and Entrepreneurship. He has received fellowships from the following organizations: Artemis Real Estate Partners, Global Diversity Summit, Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT), and the Consortium.

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As a natural born leader, Marcel has always been actively involved in leadership roles. In architecture school, he was the AIAS President of his University's chapter. In his professional career, he led his office to raise over $4,000 for charitable organizations such as the Capital Area Food Bank and currently serves as the Membership Engagement committee co-chair within ULI's Young Leaders Group.

Most recently, Marcel is enrolled in the real estate development program at Georgetown University. While enrolled, he and three other classmates competed in the annual real estate MIT Case Competition, an academic RFP, and finished as the first runners up.

Marcel has a Master of Architecture degree from Andrews University and is currently pursuing a Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate from Georgetown University with an anticipated graduation date of December 2020.

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Monica T. Ray has over twenty-five years of experience in fiscal and operational management with for-profit and not-for-profit entities. She has achieved success working in the areas of workforce development, particularly in the areas of vocational skills training and job placement for under-accredited adults; business/program development and management, community and public relations, economic development, real estate development, sales, and property management, and construction management. For more than 24 years, Ms. Ray has served as Executive Director of Congress Heights Community Training and Development Corporation, where she also serves as the Congress Heights Main Street program’s executive.

Monica presently serves in a number of volunteer leadership positions. She was a founding board member and presently serves as the chair for Community College Preparatory Academy, the 1st Adult charter school east of the Anacostia river, co-chairs the board of Cedar Tree Academy, a premier Pre-K(3) through Kindergarten charter school, chairs Destination Congress Heights, the volunteer based organization with its focus on preservation and revitalization of underserved commercial corridors and is President of the Congress Heights Community Association, where she has served in varying roles for the past seven years.
Raised in rural North Carolina, Ms. Ray began her community activism early and has continued in her dedication and commitment to community improvement not only professionally, but in her private life as well. This commitment is evident through her involvement in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and mentoring “at-risk” youth. Ms. Ray graduated from Fayetteville State University with a degree in Business Administration and continued her education at Villanova University in Program Management. While in college, she honed her leadership skills through basketball where she served as starting guard, student government Business Manager and President of her chapter of initiation of the esteemed sorority of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated.

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Mr. Shah is an active member of the ULI-Washington Housing Council Initiative and DCBIA Housing Committee. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he was a Communications Officer and separated as a Captain. He served in Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

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Ms. Thompson was invited to the German Marshall Fund of the United States Bilbao Urban Innovation and Leadership Dialogues, a forum for urban innovators to explore issues facing transatlantic cities. She is also an American Council on Germany John J. McCloy Fellow, working to enhance a broader understanding of global policy issues.

Ms. Thompson began her planning career in Cincinnati, Ohio facilitating the creation and placement of public art in the City’s redeveloping areas. She has had the opportunity to study “Art in the Urban Environment” in Cuba, returning with lessons learned and experience to enhance city programming. Ms. Thompson holds a bachelor degree in English from Alverno College, a master of Community Planning and a certificate in Historic Preservation from the University of Cincinnati, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Inner City Renewal from the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

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