Gabe del Rio, president and CEO of Homeownership Council of America

Gabe del Rio is the president and CEO of Homeownership Council of America (HCA), providing vision, technical assistance and lender services to CDFIs and investors in affordable lending. He has been instrumental in providing transformational consulting to nonprofit lenders through HCA’s CLIMB program nationally.

Prior to joining HCA, del Rio was the president of Springboard CDFI and the Nationwide Mortgage Collaborative. Before that, he was COO for Community Housing Works, while serving on several boards for housing, community development, banking and homeownership. He previously trained community development and housing counseling professionals with NeighborWorks America. Del Rio currently serves on two Mortgage Bankers Association committees.

He has a bachelor’s degree from James Madison University, and is a graduate of the School of Mortgage Banking with an Accredited Mortgage Professional designation. He also completed the Harvard Kennedy School of Government’s Executive Program: Achieving Excellence in Community Development.

Mia Ives-Rublee, director of the Disability Justice Initiative for the Center for American Progress

Mia Ives-Rublee is the director of the Disability Justice Initiative for the Center for American Progress. Prior to joining American Progress, she advocated for disability justice and inclusion at nonprofit organizations and businesses across the U.S. While she has worked with many progressive organizations, Ives-Rublee is best known for founding the Women’s March Disability Caucus and helping to organize the original Women’s March on Washington in 2017. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her work.

Ives-Rublee also worked on several political campaigns during the 2020 cycles, shaping and communicating policies around specific issues affecting the disability and Asian American communities. In 2017, she was the confidential assistant to Commissioner Chai Feldblum at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master’s degree in social work from UNC Chapel Hill.
Mike Koprowski, national campaign director for the National Low Income Housing Coalition

Mike Koprowski is the national campaign director at the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC). Before joining NLIHC, he was the executive director of Opportunity Dallas, an organization focused on building local coalitions to promote greater economic mobility by tackling concentrated poverty and segregation through housing policy. Prior to Opportunity Dallas, Koprowski was the chief of transformation and innovation in the Dallas school system, where he led the development and execution of the district’s Public School Choice initiative focused on socioeconomic school integration.

Before embarking on his career in education and housing, he served in the U.S. Air Force as the chief of intelligence for an F-15E fighter squadron while it was deployed to Afghanistan.

He holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Duke University and Harvard University.

Kevin Rabin, director of litigation at Three Rivers Legal Services

Kevin Rabin is the director of litigation for Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., in Gainesville, Florida. He has worked for both Three Rivers and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, serving the communities of North Central Florida, for the past nine years.

Prior to becoming the director of litigation, Rabin focused primarily on rental housing, fair housing and consumer law. He has litigated hundreds of eviction, debt collection, foreclosure and consumer protection suits to completion, and currently serves as a co-chair of the Florida Housing Umbrella Group. Rabin has participated in multiple *amicus curiae* briefs filed in federal and state appellate courts related to housing programs and fair housing rights, and has presented to landlords, tenants, public housing authorities, nonprofits and public officials regarding a wide variety of housing-related topics.

He graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law *cum laude* in 2013.
Chi Chi Wu, staff attorney with the National Consumer Law Center

Chi Chi Wu is a staff attorney with the National Consumer Law Center, focusing on consumer credit issues, including legislative, administrative and other advocacy. Wu’s specialties include fair credit reporting, credit cards, refund anticipation loans and medical debt. She is co-author of the legal manual *Fair Credit Reporting*, and a contributing author to *Consumer Credit Regulation* and *Truth in Lending*.

Before joining NCLC, Wu worked in the Consumer Protection Division at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s office and the Asian Outreach Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services.

She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and The Johns Hopkins University.

Agenda

**November 16, 2022 1–2:30 p.m. (ET)**

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This virtual event will cover:

- An examination of the barriers to safe, affordable and accessible housing for older Americans, disabled consumers and renters
- A look at the structural barriers and biases that impede access to affordable credit and financial services
- A discussion on how persistent barriers to housing and access to essential financial services are impacting certain communities
- Common-sense policy reform that can increase access to housing, such as eviction record expungement
- Ways lawmakers and public, private and community-based organizations can work together to restore trust by ensuring equal access to credit and housing for all consumers
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