

# The Honorable Gregory Meeks

Special Guest



Congressman Gregory W. Meeks, now in his tenth term, has devoted his energy and skill to serving one of the most diverse constituencies in the nation. His efforts on behalf of his district, New York City and State, and the nation as a whole have earned Rep. Meeks the respect of his constituents, New Yorkers, and Democrats and Republicans alike. He is known for being an effective, principled, and common sense leader. As a fervent supporter of the Affordable Care Act enacted under President Obama, Congressman Meeks believes that it should be enhanced. Congressman Meeks is one of sixty-one forward-thinking, pro-growth Democratic members who comprise the New Democrat Coalition (NDC). He co-chairs the NDCC Trade Task Force.

Congressman Meeks is a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee, having previously served as a Dodd-Frank conferee. Key provisions in the Wall Street reform law – including its stress testing requirement, the creation of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion at the financial regulatory agencies, and the requirement that U.S. public companies who use natural resources to report their due diligence in stamping out conflict minerals– were authored by Congressman Meeks and remain in the law today. Rep. Meeks introduced a bill that would require government contractors and public companies to submit data on the racial, ethnic, and gender composition of their corporate boards.

Congressman Meeks is also a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he is the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats. Meeks is a multilateralist with decades of experience in foreign policy. He believes that the United States should build coalitions around our interests and work with other countries to build a stable and prosperous future. Additionally, Congressman Meeks is the co-chair of several international organization caucuses, such as the European Union Caucus.

# The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver

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**Congressman Emanuel Cleaver is now serving his seventh term representing Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, the home district of President Harry Truman. He is a member of the exclusive House Financial Services Committee, the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, and also a Senior Whip of the Democratic Caucus. Having served for twelve years on the city council of Missouri's largest municipality, Kansas City, Cleaver was elected as the city's first African American Mayor in 1991.**

**During his eight year stint in the Office of the Mayor, Cleaver distinguished himself as an economic development activist and an unapologetic redevelopment craftsman. He and the City Council brought a number of major corporations to the city, including TransAmerica, Harley Davidson, and Citi Corp. Rep. Cleaver also led the effort, after a forty year delay, to build the South Midtown Roadway. Upon completion of this major thoroughfare, he proposed a new name: The Bruce R. Watkins Roadway. Additionally, his municipal stewardship includes the 18th and Vine Redevelopment, a new American Royal, the establishment of a Family Division of the Municipal Court, and the reconstruction and beautification of Brush Creek.**

**Rep. Cleaver has received five honorary Doctoral Degrees augmented by a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M, and a Master's from St. Paul's School of Theology of Kansas City.**

**In 2009, Congressman Cleaver, with a multitude of accomplishments both locally and congressionally, introduced the most ambitious project of his political career—the creation of a Green Impact Zone. This zone, consisting of 150 blocks of declining urban core, has received approximately \$125 million dollars in American Recovery and Reinvestment funds. The Green Impact Zone is aimed at making this high crime area the environmentally greenest piece of urban geography in the world. This project includes rebuilding Troost Avenue, rehabbing bridges, curbs and sidewalks, home weatherization, smart grid technology in hundreds of homes, and most importantly, hundreds of badly needed jobs for Green Zone residents. During the 112th Congress, Rep. Cleaver was unanimously elected the 20th chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. As Ranking Member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, Rep. Cleaver successfully co-authored the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act, a bipartisan comprehensive housing bill that passed into law with a unanimous vote.**

# **Donna J. Gambrell**

**Moderator**



**As President & CEO of Appalachian Community Capital (ACC), Donna Gambrell is responsible for attracting and directing investments to community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and mission-oriented lenders that are ACC members. These members, in turn, make loans to small business owners, including minority- and women-owned businesses, in underserved communities in Appalachia.**

**Prior to her current position, Ms. Gambrell served as the Director of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. She is the longest serving and first African American woman to be appointed to this position.**

**During her tenure from 2007 to 2013, the CDFI Fund experienced significant growth, more than doubling funding under its flagship program, thus enabling a CDFI industry to provide affordable capital, credit, and financial services to low-income communities across the country. Under Ms. Gambrell's leadership, the CDFI Fund also designed and administered a number of new initiatives targeted to underserved markets, including the Capital Magnet Fund, the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, and the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.**

**Ms. Gambrell also served in several executive positions over a 15-year period at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. She retired from federal government service in December 2013.**

**In addition to her current duties, Ms. Gambrell is a non-resident visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. She also serves as a board member for Southern Bancorp, Inc., Association for Enterprise Opportunity, the Low Income Investment Fund, and Opportunity Finance Network.**

**Ms. Gambrell received a B.S. Degree from Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland, and an M.S. Degree from New York University.**

# **John D. Lewis**

## **Panelist**



**Mr. John D. Lewis serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at The Harbor Bank of Maryland. Mr. Lewis held a number of leadership positions in the Global Wealth Management Division of Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. He began his career there as Chief Financial Officer for Business Development & Distribution of the Global Bank Group. In that role, he supported the restructuring of its retail and small business platforms. Mr. Lewis later served as Head of the Distribution Sales Planning Group, with primary responsibilities of product integration for the Financial Advisor channel. He also served as a Divisional Chief of Staff and a Director in the Chief Operating Officer Group of the Global Investment Services Division. Mr. Lewis founded and led a financial technology software company, growing it from an idea to its ultimate sale. He also held positions in investment banking at Credit Suisse and Fleet Financial Group. Mr. Lewis is a member of the CFA Institute and the New York Society of Securities Analysts. He holds a BS from Cornell University and an MBA from Harvard Business School where he was a Toigo Fellow.**

# **Blondel A. Pinnock**

## **Panelist**



**Ms. Blondel A. Pinnock has been Chief Lending Officer of Carver Federal Savings Bank Inc., since November 2014 and also its Senior Vice President since April 2008. Ms. Pinnock served as the President of Carver Community Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Carver BanCorp, Inc. since April 2008. She has been the Chief Lending Officer of Carver Federal Savings Bank Inc. since November 2014. She served as the President of Carver Community Development Corporation since April 2008. She joined Carver in April 2008. She served as Senior Vice President at Bank of America where she was a community development lender and business development officer. Ms. Pinnock has over a ten year experience in financing the development of residential and commercial real estate projects located within low and moderate income neighborhoods throughout New York City and outlying areas. Prior to her tenure at Bank of America, she served as counsel and deputy director for the New York City's Housing, Preservation and Development Department's Tax Incentives Unit, where she assisted in the implementation of the City's real estate tax programs for low, moderate and market rate projects. Ms. Pinnock holds a BA from Columbia University, and a JD from Hofstra University School of Law.**

# Doyle Mitchell

## Panelist



**Mr. B. Doyle Mitchell, Jr. serves as Chief Executive Officer and President at Industrial Bank (Washington, DC). Mr. Mitchell serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of IBW Financial Corp. Mr. Mitchell has been President of Industrial Bank, N.A., sole subsidiary of IBW Financial Corp., since March 1993 and also serves as its Chief Executive Officer. He served in various executive and administrative positions at Industrial Bank since 1983 and served as its Vice President-Commercial Lending from 1991 to 1993 and Assistant Vice President-Commercial Lending from 1989 to 1991. He has been a Director of IBW Financial Corp., since 1990. He serves as Director of Industrial Bank (Washington, DC). He has been a Director of Industrial Bank, N.A. since 1990. He was Chairman of D.C. Chamber of Commerce since 2001. Mr. Mitchell serves on the board of directors of the Federal City Council, the Luke C. Moore Academy, Sewell Music Conservatory, Leadership Greater Washington, the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Greater Prince Georges Business Roundtable and the D.C. Chamber of Commerce. He serves as a Member of Advisory Council on Underserved Communities at United States Small Business Administration. He served as Director of Radio One Inc., since 2008 until May 16, 2011.**