

Rochelle S. Andrews

Rochelle serves as the Associate Director of The Center for Public Theology and The Community Engagement Institute at Wesley Theological Seminary. She also serves as the pastor at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Ijamsville, Maryland.

Rochelle serves with the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church Committee on affordable housing and economic development. There they create and build new affordable housing solutions. She also serves on the Economic Development Incentive Fund for Prince George's County, which provides funding for businesses to create new jobs in the county. Most recently, she was voted on as a new board member for Habitat for Humanity- Metro Maryland, furthering her pursuit to help create affordable housing in our area.

A proud native of Montclair, New Jersey; she is the CEO/President of The Vizion Group, a strategic management consulting firm. Rochelle is an Ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She has a BS from Rutgers University, an MBA from Vanderbilt University and an M.Div from Wesley Theological Seminary. Her passions are working on policy, advocacy, and social justice activities to create educational and economic opportunities for underserved communities. She's also a foodie, loves to read, travel, and is a gadget geek.

Stacy Martin Founder and Chief Amazement Officer, Seahorse Snacks

Stacy Martin is an inspiring entrepreneur and visionary leader who has made a significant impact in both the business world and the realm of advocacy. As the Founder and Chief Amazement Officer of Seahorse Snacks, she has transformed her passion for nutritious food into a thriving brand that exemplifies her commitment to quality and innovation.

Stacy's journey is marked by resilience and triumph over personal challenges, a testament to her unwavering determination and self-belief. Her path from overcoming adversity to achieving entrepreneurial success has inspired countless individuals to embrace their own inner strength and pursue their dreams.

Beyond her entrepreneurial achievements, Stacy is an active and dedicated advocate for positive change. She serves as a sustainer in the Junior League of Chattanooga, contributing her time and expertise to support community initiatives and uplift the lives of those around her. Her role as the chair of the advocacy committee for the Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga underscores her commitment to advancing the rights and opportunities of women and girls in her community.

Stacy's advocacy work extends to the national level as well. Her impactful efforts in advocating for stomach cancer research and funding have left a lasting impression on federal policymakers, driving important conversations and initiatives in the fight against this disease. Her ability to use her voice to create change is a testament to her unwavering dedication to causes that matter.

An accomplished speaker, Stacy shares her insights on entrepreneurship, personal growth, advocacy, and the importance of raising one's voice. Her captivating speaking style and authentic storytelling captivate audiences, leaving them inspired and empowered to take action in their own lives and communities.

Stacy Martin's journey from adversity to achievement, combined with her deep commitment to advocacy, serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Her ability to balance her role as an innovative business leader with her dedication to making a positive impact is a testament to her remarkable character and unwavering determination.

Nene Ogbechie

As the Executive Officer in the Mayor's Office of Housing, Nene Ogbechie she oversees the Housing policy team's workflow at the direction of the Deputy Mayor in the Mayor's Office of Housing, and provides operational support to the Deputy Mayor. She advances the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's priorities on amplifying the affordable housing production, interim housing solutions, and innovative housing production to meet Angelenos' needs of housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and homelessness assistance. Prior to this role, she worked as a policy analyst and supervisor in the government affairs department at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) where she conducted research on issues relating to homelessness, housing, and service programming, and provided guidance on policy issues to internal and external stakeholders.

Nene is passionate about serving the community, as seen in her two-year tenure as an AmeriCorps member – first as a Literacy AmeriCorps member and later as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. She is a member of the Junior League of Los Angeles, an international organization dedicated to training women to become leaders in the community through professional development and volunteer opportunities.

In her spare time, she enjoys dancing, hiking, reading, and spending time with cherished family members and friends.