



Meeting Agenda

New England Community Development Advisory Council Meeting

August 20, 2018

Board Room T-31

9:30-10:00 **Continental Breakfast**

10:00-10:05 **Welcome & Introductions**
Prabal Chakrabarti, Senior Vice President & Community Affairs Officer
Regional & Community Outreach

10:05-10:15 **Economic Update**
Eric Rosengren, President & Chief Executive Officer

10:15-12:00 **Roundtable Discussion of Questions—Facilitated by Chair Prabal Chakrabarti**
All Council Members

12:00 **Break for Lunch**

New England Public Policy Center: What is the center working on?
Jeffrey Thompson, Director, Senior Economist and Policy Advisor

Regional & Community Outreach: – Working Cities Round 1 evaluation: Closing out the Pilot WCC Round & Lessons Learned
Kseniya Benderskaya, Initiative Director, Working Cities Challenge (MA- Round 1)

1:00 **Adjournment**

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Roundtable Discussion

1. **Overall Economic Conditions (Lending/Non Lending):** What are your assessments of the overall economic conditions affecting low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities in your state/region?
 - What are your views on the current conditions of, and the outlook for, loan markets and financial markets?
 - Have there been recent policies, investments, or disinvestments that have disproportionately affected LMI families in your state?
 - In your opinion, are lending conditions for LMI consumers and communities improved or worsened since the last meeting?
 - Have increased rent burdens contributed to homelessness or are there compounding contributors?

2. **Labor Markets and Employment Conditions:** How have the labor markets changed since the last meeting? Have you observed changes in wages in your state/region as a result of a tight labor market? What are the most promising policies and practices in your state that promote, incentivize or enable the creation and preservation of quality jobs?
 - **Opioid Crisis:** How is the opioid crisis affecting the LMI population and/or the constituency you serve? What policies/practices are being pursued to address the employment needs – either maintaining or obtaining – of those affected by the opioid crisis?

3. **Rural Economy:** for the rural communities in your region (or state) that have been struggling economically, what are the most important obstacles preventing a more stable and prosperous economy from developing? How do the policy or resource needs of these communities differ from urban areas in your region (or state)?

4. **Additional Matters:** Have any other matters affecting low-income individuals and communities emerged from the work of the Council members that they want to present at this time?