

PANELISTS BACKGROUNDER

Dorri McWhorter became CEO of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago in March 2013 and has driven a transformation from traditional social service organization to 21st Century social enterprise. Dorri prides herself on being a socially-conscious business leader and is committed to creating an inclusive marketplace by leveraging a cross-sector approach of engaging business, civic and community partners.

Prior to joining the YWCA, she was a partner at Crowe Horwath, LLP, one of the largest accounting firms in the U.S.. She also held senior positions with Snap-on Incorporated and Booz Allen Hamilton.

As Executive Vice President of Civic Engagement, **Mike Strautmanis** oversees community affairs and strategic partnerships for the Obama Foundation. This position finds him in constant dialogue with local Chicagoans who are looking to learn more about the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park and the Foundation's mission to empower young leaders to give back to their communities.

Before joining the Obama Foundation, Mike spent over a decade in Washington, D.C.—partnering with a diverse group of leaders and advocates to increase access to economic opportunity, strengthen the judicial system, and champion equity and inclusion in the White House, federal agencies, and Congress.

As the Managing Partner of DL3 Realty, **Leon Walker, Esq.** works closely with municipalities, anchor institutions, and Fortune 500 companies to implement projects that are sensitive to a neighborhood's character while creating economic opportunities for local residents. Mr. Walker's projects are more than just bricks and mortar; they are designed to provide a stimulus that ultimately lifts economic prospects and quality-of-life for local residents.

Mr. Walker is an innovator who continues to be at the forefront of utilizing new financing tools and blending funding streams. During his career, Mr. Walker structured more than \$100 million in New Markets Tax Credits. He was also the first Chicago developer to use crowdfunding for new construction, as part of the capital stack for the nationally recognized Englewood Square retail center, anchored by Whole-Foods.

Naomi Davis is the Founder/President of BIG! Blacks in Green™. She sees the Age of Climate Crisis as perfect for the comeback of neighborhoods where black families can walk-to-work, walk-to-shop, walk-to-learn, walk-to-play; neighbor dollars circulate to fertilize self-interests; and greenhouse gases harmonize with human life. She is an urban theorist, attorney, activist, and proud granddaughter of Mississippi sharecroppers.

Naomi has served on Illinois Governor Pritzker's and former Chicago Mayor Emanuel's Transition Teams for Energy and Environment, and was selected as a sustainability thought leader at Groupon's Inaugural Chicago Ideas Week. She's a respected community advocate in the communities surrounding the Obama Presidential Center where she serves on a cluster of economic development boards, and where she has lived and worked since 2010.