

Presenter Bios
Panel on Revitalizing Connecticut Cities



Tynesia Boyea-Robinson, Chief Impact Officer, Living Cities

Tynesia Boyea-Robinson exemplifies cross-sector leadership. In her current role at Living Cities, Tynesia works with cities across the country to ensure that investment leads to measurable impact. Tynesia's experience as an entrepreneur, Six Sigma blackbelt, and technologist uniquely positions her to catalyze a results-driven era of social change.

For example, through effective cross-sector partnerships, Tynesia helped establish the Social Innovation Fund and the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act. As founding Executive Director of Year Up National Capital Region (NCR) and President and CEO of Reliance Methods, she demonstrated that business and community goals could powerfully align towards mutual outcomes. Under her leadership, Year Up NCR raised \$20M, was recognized by President Obama, and continues to place thousands of low-income young adults in careers with family sustaining wages. Through Reliance Methods, she helps Fortune 500 clients like the Carlyle Group, Marriott, and others source productive talent through unconventional practices. Earlier in her career, Tynesia was a leader within several business units at General Electric. From transforming the entire company to leverage technology for online sales to leading an international mortgage bank acquisition, her experience at GE groomed her to achieve outcomes regardless of industry.

Tynesia has been a featured speaker for a broad array of audiences including South by Southwest and the White House Council for Community Solutions. She has published several articles, which have been featured in the Washington Post, Forbes and in Leap of Reason: Managing to Outcomes in an Era of Scarcity. Her work was also highlighted in the New York Times bestseller A Year Up as well as in the Harvard Business School case study Year Up: A Social Entrepreneur Builds High Performance. She serves on numerous boards and committees, including for Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. Tynesia received her MBA from Harvard Business School and has a dual degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Duke University. She and her college sweetheart, Keith, are committed to indoctrinating their children, Dylan and Sydney, with a love of Duke basketball and all things geeky and sci-fi.



Prabal Chakrabarti, Senior Vice-President, Regional and Community Outreach, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Prabal Chakrabarti is Senior Vice-President at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in the Regional and Community Outreach department, with a mission to improve the economic well-being of low and moderate income people. He oversees a department that focuses on revitalizing smaller cities through the Working Cities Challenge, improving household financial stability, and increasing employment opportunities for all. Previously, Prabal was at the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, where he led a research effort under Harvard Business School Professor Michael Porter to

measure economic competitiveness in America's inner cities. He served in the U.S. Treasury in economic policy and he co-wrote a UNDP report Unleashing Entrepreneurship: Making Business Work for the

Poor. Prabal holds graduate degrees from MIT and Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and a B.S. from the University of Illinois, where he was a Truman Scholar. He serves on the boards of the Children's Investment Fund and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation Board.



Yolanda K. Kodrzycki, Director Emeritus, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Yolanda Kodrzycki is an economist with deep expertise in matters of importance to New Englanders. She is the emeritus director of the New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The Policy Center conducts research on key economic and policy issues in New England, and engages with regional partners in advancing identified policy options. Prior to assuming this position, Yolanda was a senior economist and policy advisor in the Boston Fed's research department, specializing in regional, labor market, and public sector economics. Her work has examined topics such as economic development strategies for older industrial cities; potential cost efficiencies through regional consolidation of local government functions; and the cyclical volatility of state tax revenues. As director of the Policy Center, Yolanda oversaw a major report on municipal fiscal disparities prepared at the request of the Connecticut General Assembly. Yolanda serves on the editorial board of *MassBenchmarks*, an economics publication issued jointly by the Boston Fed and the University of Massachusetts. Prior of joining the Federal Reserve, Yolanda taught economics at Amherst College. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College (at Harvard University) and received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



Teresa Lynch, Principal, Mass Economics

Teresa M. Lynch is a Principal at Mass Economics, a research and consulting firm that works with the public, private, and philanthropic sectors to promote inclusive economic growth in American cities. The firm has offices in Cambridge and Oakland, and is nationally known for its work on inclusive economic growth, including broad-based cluster strategies, urban land issues, and the creation of models that link economic development and land strategies (e.g., employment districts, industrial corridors, and innovation districts). Prior to Mass Economics, Teresa was a Senior Vice President at the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) in Boston, where she led the organization's research activities and a dozen consulting engagements with U.S. cities, including Detroit Future City. She was part of the MIT research team that produced *How We Compete: What Companies around the World Are Doing to Make it in Today's Global Economy*. She holds undergraduate degrees in Economics and Public Policy from UNC-Chapel Hill and a master's in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania. Teresa is on the governing board of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Innovation Institute and is a founding board member of the Venture Café Foundation.