

**Staff for Senator Christopher Coons (D-DE), Senator Thomas Carper (D-DE), and  
Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) Meeting with Agency Staff  
Community Reinvestment Act NPR**

August 30, 2022

On August 30, 2022, staff from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (collectively, “the agencies”) met virtually with staff of Senator Christopher Coons, Senator Thomas Carper, and Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester for a discussion on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR). The discussion covered the NPR’s proposed amendments regarding strategic plans under the CRA, including geographies covered under such plans and such plan’s consideration of retail and community development activities. The Congressional staffs’ interest focused on Discover Bank.

Meeting Attendees:

Agencies:

Jonathan Miller, Deputy Director, Policy and Research, FDIC  
Pamela Freeman, Chief, Fair Lending & CRA Examination Section, FDIC  
Richard Schwartz, Counsel, FDIC  
Ike Jones, Legislative Attorney and Advisor, FDIC  
Vonda Eanes, Director for CRA and Fair Lending Policy, OCC  
Heidi Thomas, Special Counsel, OCC  
Patti Spellacy, Congressional Relations Specialist, OCC  
Willie Williams, Congressional Relations Specialist, OCC  
Joseph Firschein, Associate Director and Community Affairs Officer, Board  
Amanda Roberts, Senior Community Development Analyst, Board  
Lorna Neill, Staff Attorney, Board  
Madelyn Marchessault, Assistant Congressional Liaison, Board  
Kirk Schwarzbach, Assistant Congressional Liaison, Board

Sen. Coons’ Staff:

Sam du Pont, Economic Policy Advisor  
Andrew Dinsmore, Projects and Appropriations Director

Sen. Carper’s Staff:

Michael Santora, Senior Policy Advisor

Rep. Blunt Rochester’s Staff:

Agatha Gucyski, Economic Policy Advisor