

## **JILL EDWARDS**

Jill Edwards is a community development investment banker, professionally certified economic developer and former urban planner who joined Charles Schwab Bank as Director of Community Development Investments in 2016. Prior to that, Ms. Edwards was a Senior Vice President and originator of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) investments for Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Director of Merrill Lynch Community Development Company (MLCDC) where she managed the firm's tax credit investments, including LIHTC and NMTC. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch, Ms. Edwards served as Acting Director of Economic Development in Trenton, New Jersey and as a contractor for the New Jersey Office of State Planning. Earlier in her career, Ms. Edwards ran a downtown redevelopment program in New Jersey and worked in institutional sales for an investment banking firm in New York City.

Ms. Edwards graduated Phi Beta Kappa with High Distinction from the Pennsylvania State University and holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University. She is a Leadership New Jersey Fellow and was a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and certified Economic Development Professional. She currently serves on the Boards of the National Affordable Housing Trust, CREA Foundation, and National Council of Jewish Women AZ and on the Advisory Boards of CREA, WNC, and SDS Supportive Housing Fund. She formerly served on the Affordable Housing Investors Council (AHIC) Board of Directors and currently co-chairs the AHIC Underwriting Committee. She also served on the LISC Phoenix Board, the Valley of the Sun United Way Supportive Housing Advisory Committee, and as a judge for the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition's annual Edson Awards.

Ms. Edwards was the recipient of the YWCA of Trenton's Woman of Achievement Award, the Edward J Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy Career Achievement Award and the Distinguished Women of New Jersey Award. She was also honored by New Destiny Housing Corporation for her advocacy work in supportive housing and her work during that time earned Bank of America the Private Sector Partner of the Year Award from the Supportive Housing Network of New York.

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