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Deidre is President and CEO of CommonBond Communities, a nationally recognized leader and innovator in the affordable housing industry.

Deidre's previous professional positions include Principal at One Roof Global Consulting and Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Institute, Vice President of Development at Brighton Development, Acquisition Manager at the National Equity Fund and Director of National Consulting at Artspace Projects. Deidre grew up in a single-parent, low-income household and draws from her own personal life experience which has also included great privilege and good fortune.

Deidre was a Loeb Fellow at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University and a Marshall Memorial Fellow for the German Marshall Fund. She loves to teach others about housing and was the John T. Dunlop Lecturer at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. She currently teaches Affordable Multifamily Rental Housing Finance at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Deidre serves on the Board of Directors of the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust (HIT), the Housing Partnership Network (HPN), Community Housing Capital (CHC) and the Executive Committee of Stewards for Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF).