



Consumer Federation of America



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Barry Zigas became Director of Housing for Consumer Federation of America in 2008. He is responsible for CFA's policies on housing and mortgage finance including secondary market systems, foreclosure and loan modification policies, and community reinvestment issues. He also consults with housing and community development nonprofits and foundations on strategy, innovation and leadership through his firm Zigas and Associates LLC.

Zigas was Senior Vice President at Fannie Mae from 1995-2006, where he led the company's single family community lending initiatives, as well as corporate and regulatory reporting on the company's housing goals, investments in CDFIs, and support for homeownership counseling and education. He joined Fannie Mae in 1993 as Vice President for Housing Impact.

Zigas served as President of the National Low Income Housing Coalition from 1984-1993 and as Associate Executive Director of the US Conference of Mayors from 1976-1984. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Grinnell College and a 1997 graduate of the Wharton School's Advanced Management Program.

Zigas serves as a Director of Mercy Housing, Inc.; as a Trustee of Enterprise Community Partners; a Director of the Low Income Investment Fund and National Housing Conference, and the Avalon Theater Project, a neighborhood-supported nonprofit theater in Washington, DC. He was appointed as member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission in December, 2011, and previously served on the Rouse-Maxwell Task Force and the Mitchell-Danforth Task Force in the 1980's. His articles and commentary have appeared in *American Prospect*, *American Banker*, *Washingtonian*, and other publications, and he is frequently quoted in print and electronic media.