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Michelle Whetten is vice president and Gulf Coast market leader for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. She is based in New Orleans, where Enterprise has invested over \$320 million in loans, grants and equity towards the production of over 9,300 affordable homes in the years following Hurricane Katrina. Michelle leads Enterprise's work to create and support effective systems and tools for high quality affordable housing production, attract private-sector capital and strengthen the affordable housing industry. As part of this work, Michelle oversees Enterprise's involvement in the award-winning transformation of the former Lafitte public housing complex in New Orleans' Treme neighborhood into a healthy mixed-income community. She also advises other areas affected by disaster on effective disaster recovery policy and program design.

Prior to her assignment in the Gulf Coast, Michelle was deputy director for Enterprise's New York office, where she led neighborhood initiatives and public policy efforts. In that role, Michelle managed organizational development, resident services-related technical assistance and grant making programs, and directed advocacy and outreach to local, state and federal officials on housing and community development issues. She was also charged with guiding and implementing strategic planning for Enterprise's New York team.

Before joining Enterprise, Michelle managed the Prince George's County, Maryland, office of the Neighborhood Design Center, a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization, where she recruited and coordinated pro bono services of architects, engineers and planners to assist with community-sponsored projects.

Michelle graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science in environmental policy analysis and planning, and received a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois.

Michelle serves as chair of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas Advisory Council and on the boards of Reconcile New Orleans, Louisiana Housing Alliance, Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation and Springboard To Opportunities. She is past president and current board member of the board of the Louisiana Association of Affordable Housing Providers.