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Diamonte Walker is the Deputy Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA), where she provides strategy, vision, operations management, team development, and leadership.

Diamonte joined the agency in 2017, quickly becoming the driving force behind URA's MWBE strategy. Her commitment to the advancement of equitable development is demonstrated through the administration of the URA's MWBE Program, compliance monitoring, reporting functions, and other economic inclusion focused initiatives.

With a career span of more than 15 years in the for-profit sector and having recently served as a business development program manager in the nonprofit sector, Diamonte understands the complex challenges we face as a region when trying to effectuate meaningful change in neighborhoods. Diamonte offers a serious look at what can happen when we expand the work of economic development beyond metrics, goals and buzzwords to create impactful experiences that empower people while transforming place.

Diamonte holds an MBA and Master of Science in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University. She is a Mayoral appointee to Pittsburgh's Land Bank Board, serves as Chair to Councilman Corey O'Connor's Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, and currently sits on the Housing Opportunity Fund's Advisory Board and Neighborhood Allies' Board of Directors.

Her notable achievements include being named one of the Pittsburgh Business Times 2019 Women of Influence, a 2019 Lead Now Pittsburgh Fellow, a 2018 Onyx Woman in Leadership, 2017 Pittsburgh Magazine 40 under 40 honoree, and 2016 New Pittsburgh Courier Fab 40 Under 40 awardee. She was recently named one of Talk Magazine's 100 Most Influential Pennsylvanian African-American Women.

She is strongly committed to helping entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds take full advantage of today's marketplace innovations to cost-effectively operationalize their ideas and better position themselves to experience an equitable stake in Pittsburgh's economic resurgence.

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The [URA](http://www.ura.org) is the City of Pittsburgh's economic development agency, supporting the City's economic development goals, which are designed to create a city of inclusive opportunity for residents, stakeholders, and communities. The URA is committed to creating more housing that is affordable to the average Pittsburgher; encouraging more entrepreneurship and small business development; promoting inclusive growth and quality job creation; expanding neighborhood and main streets revitalization efforts; and developing a talented workforce that is equipped with the skills of the future. To learn more, visit www.ura.org.