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## University Settlement appoints Frederick "Fred" Yee to its Board of Directors

**New York, NY** – Fred Yee (*Managing Director, Capital One*) has been elected to University Settlement's Board of Directors, the nation's first settlement house announced today.

Fred is the Head of East Region Underwriting for Capital One's Commercial Real Estate business. A graduate of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Fred previously served as Treasurer of the Board of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association. Fred spent his early years in Manhattan's Chinatown and still maintains a strong connection to University Settlement's neighborhoods; he now lives in Forest Hills, Queens with his family.

"We're thrilled to welcome Fred to our Board," said **Melissa E. Aase**, *CEO of University Settlement.* "His deep roots in our communities and his passionate interests in education, housing, and building opportunity for immigrant communities will serve him well as a leader of our organization."

"I am honored to join the Board of one of New York's most dynamic, creative, and effective community-building organizations," said **Yee**. "I look forward to helping University Settlement continue forging relationships and responding to our neighbors' priorities in Brooklyn and on the Lower East Side."

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## **About University Settlement**

University Settlement partners with 40,000 New Yorkers on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn every year to build on their strengths as they achieve healthy, stable, and remarkable lives. For over 135 years, we've collaborated with our neighbors to pioneer highly effective programs that fight poverty and systemic inequality. Established in 1886 as the first Settlement House in the United States, we bring the values of that movement into the 21st century by meeting New Yorkers where they live, listening deeply to all perspectives, engaging with every individual holistically, and creating space for people to organize. Joining together with our neighbors to advocate for justice and equality, we help build community strength.

We work with New Yorkers of all ages. We infuse a commitment to civic engagement, equity, and communal action into each of our programs, which include early childhood education, mental health and wellness, benefits assistance and eviction prevention, adult literacy and education, healthy aging, community and recreation centers, performing and visual arts, and youth development.

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