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At U.S. Bancorp, Deborah Burke is responsible for Community Reinvestment Act activities, as well as State and Federal Government Relations. The Government Relations and Community Development group manages partnerships with key stakeholders including nonprofit organizations, elected officials, trade associations, and community leaders. The group also manages federal and state legislative issues. In addition, Ms. Burke was President of the U.S. Bank Foundation for eight years. Ms. Burke joined U.S. Bancorp in 2004.

Ms. Burke has over 20 years of government relations and community affairs experience. She has worked on the federal level in Washington, D.C. and on the state level in Minnesota. Her background includes a variety of issues, including financial services having worked at First Bank System, Inc. for several years in the mid-1990s.

Most recently, Ms. Burke had her own lobbying company and worked on behalf of her clients on issues ranging from health care and insurance to building codes and civil justice issues such as tort reform and job reference protection for employers.

Prior to that she worked at the Builders Association of Minnesota representing homebuilders and developers on issues such as land use, building codes and mechanics liens. In Washington D.C., Ms. Burke worked for the international public relations firms of Hill and Knowlton and Fleishman Hillard on environment, energy and telecommunications issues.

Ms. Burke is also active in her local community serving as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Jeremiah Program. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Northside Achievement Zone, and a Board member of the Public Affairs Council in Washington, D.C. In addition, she is also active in the Minnesota Government Relations Council, American Bankers Association, Consumer Bankers Association, the Financial Services Roundtable, and The Clearing House.

Ms. Burke earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Minnesota.

She resides in Minneapolis with her husband and four children.