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Laurel is president of Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., one of the nation's leading social enterprises. Laurel leads the organization's national programmatic and policy work, including the teams working in Enterprise's local markets across the United States, and Enterprise's groundbreaking initiatives focused on connecting people and communities to opportunity. She also leads the policy team, which focuses on policy change at the national, state and local levels; Enterprise Advisors, the organization's consulting and technical assistance platform; and the organization's knowledge, impact and strategy functions.

Enterprise is a proven and powerful nonprofit that improves communities and people's lives by making well-designed homes affordable. We bring together the nationwide know-how, partners, policy leadership and investments to multiply the impact of local affordable housing development. Over 35 years, Enterprise has created 529,000 homes, invested \$36 billion and touched millions of lives.

Laurel is a member of the Enterprise executive team, reporting directly to the CEO. She brings a wealth of experience toward helping Enterprise meet its ambitious goals. Prior to joining Enterprise in 2014, Laurel held a number of senior positions in government and the private sector, including leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and in the administration of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

From 2009 to 2013, Laurel served as chief of staff to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. In this capacity, she served as a member of the agency's executive management team and worked closely with the secretary and the White House to develop and execute a wide range of policy and management priorities. In December 2012, President Obama and Secretary Donovan asked Laurel to serve as executive director of the Hurricane Sandy Task Force, an interagency team created by Executive Order to lead the long-term recovery effort and to set a new course for recovery by defining principles for investing \$60 billion in federal funding dedicated to Sandy response and recovery.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Laurel was vice president of development and project director for the South Street Seaport Redevelopment at General Growth Properties (GGP), a Chicago-based real estate investment trust. Before her tenure at GGP, Laurel spent six years working for New York City Mayor Bloomberg, first as a senior policy advisor to Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding Daniel L. Doctoroff, then as a member of the senior team at the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

A New York native, Laurel graduated cum laude from Williams College and received a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. She currently serves on the board of the National Housing Trust, the National Housing Council, the District of Columbia Green Bank and on the National Resource Network governing board. She lives with her husband and daughters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.