



## Sarah Rosen Wartell

### President

#### Urban Institute

Enterprise Community Partners Board

In 2012, Sarah Rosen Wartell became the third president of the Urban Institute since it was founded in 1968. Urban is an economic and social science research and policy organization whose 550+ researchers, experts, and other staff share a belief in the power of evidence to improve lives and strengthen communities. During her tenure, Urban celebrated a milestone anniversary by moving into a state-of-the-art research and convening facility and launched its NEXT50 – a strategy “to advance upward mobility, equity, and shared prosperity,” by bringing the “power of knowledge” to help changemakers accelerate solutions. Under Sarah’s leadership, Urban’s strategy aims to leverage cutting-edge technology and data science, understand and confront structural racism, and deliver timely, relevant, and actionable research to communities, capitals, boardrooms, and wherever innovators are pursuing bold ideas.”

Previously, Sarah was deputy assistant to the president for economic policy and deputy director of the National Economic Council and worked in a variety of roles at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

After government service, Sarah was the founding chief operating officer and then executive vice president of the Center for American Progress. Her work focused on the economy and housing markets, and she directed the Mortgage Finance Working Group and "Doing What Works" government performance program. Prior to her tenure in government, she practiced law with the Washington, DC, firm of Arnold & Porter.

Sarah currently serves on the boards of Enterprise Community Partners and the Georgetown Day School, Bank of America’s National Community Advisory Council, and The Sadie Collective’s Advisory Board. In the past, she has served on the boards of the Low Income Investment Fund, Center for Urban Science and Progress at New York University, and CFED (now known as Prosperity Now). Her areas of expertise include community development, consumer protection and finance, asset building, and housing finance.

Sarah has an AB degree with honors in urban affairs from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She has a JD degree from Yale Law School.