

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, Secretary of HUD



Secretary Marcia L. Fudge is the 18th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Throughout her career, Secretary Fudge has worked to help low-income families, seniors, and communities across the country.

Secretary Fudge served as U.S. Representative for the 11th Congressional District of Ohio from 2008 to March 9, 2021. She was a member of several Congressional Caucuses and past Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. As a Member of Congress, Secretary Fudge earned a reputation for tackling the unique challenges of her district by working with her Congressional delegation and across political ideologies.

In 1999, Secretary Fudge was elected the first female and first African American mayor of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, a position she held for two terms. As mayor of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, she adopted one of the first vacant and abandoned property ordinances in the state. She worked with local officials to develop a task force to protect against predatory lending and she secured the inclusion of property maintenance grants in the Warrensville Revitalization Action Plan.

Additionally, she brought new residential development to the city and addressed the city's growing foreclosure crisis through the formation of a local partnership that helped residents maintain the financial security needed to buy or keep a home. As a former mayor, Secretary Fudge has seen firsthand the need for economic development and affordable housing. She prioritized improving the City's tax base and expanded opportunities for affordable housing.

Secretary Fudge believes our housing issues do not fit into a one-size-fits-all approach. We need policies and programs that can adapt to meet a community's unique housing challenges. She is committed to making the dream of homeownership - and the security and wealth creation that comes with it - a reality for more Americans.

Under Secretary Fudge's leadership, the Department of Housing and Urban Development will work to eradicate the growing homelessness issue, put an end to discriminatory practices in the housing market, and ensure that our fair housing rules are doing what they are supposed to do: opening the door for families who have been systematically locked out for generations to buy homes and have a fair shot at achieving the American dream.

Secretary Fudge's career in public service began in the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, rising to the rank of Director of Budget and Finance. She earned her bachelor's degree in business from The Ohio State University and a law degree from the Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. She is a Past National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a member of its Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot – Chicago



Lori E. Lightfoot is the 56th Mayor of Chicago.

Since assuming office following her historic election, Mayor Lightfoot has undertaken an ambitious agenda of expanding opportunity and inclusive economic growth across Chicago's neighborhoods and communities, with early accomplishments including landmark ethics and good governance reforms, worker protection legislation, and closing a record \$838 million budget gap, as well as key investments in education, public safety, and financial stability. Mayor Lightfoot also placed Chicago on the path to a \$15 minimum wage by 2021.

In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, Mayor Lightfoot has led a coordinated, citywide response across government, business, and community organizations to effectively address its spread and broader public impact, including the creation of the Racial Equity Rapid Response Team, the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force, among other actions.

Prior to her election, Mayor Lightfoot most recently served as a senior equity partner in the Litigation and Conflict Resolution Group at Mayer Brown. Previously, she served as President of the Chicago Police Board, as well as the Chair of the Police Accountability Task Force.

Mayor Lightfoot also served as Chief of Staff and General Counsel of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications, interim First Deputy of the Chicago Department of Procurement Services, Chief Administrator of the Office of Professional Standards, and as Assistant United States Attorney.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Mayor Lightfoot has been a resident of Chicago since 1986 and lives on the Near Northwest Side with her wife Amy Eshleman and their daughter.

Mayor Michael B. Hancock – Denver



Michael B. Hancock is Denver's 45th mayor, and the second African American to hold this position. Raised in the Mile High City since 10 months old, his passion for Denver and its people continues to drive the work that he and his Administration do each day.

With an equity-focused approach, Mayor Hancock has prioritized investing in the city's children and youth, started record investment in affordable housing and tripled funding for services for those experiencing homelessness, hired more police and firefighters to keep city residents safe, and embraced technology as a Smart City to make government resources work smarter and more impactfully for residents. Mayor Hancock continues to push Denver forward as a global leader and has secured 16 direct international flights positioning the city to do business all over the world and create jobs here in the city. Under Mayor Hancock's leadership, Denver has become known as a top U.S. city for startups,

especially minority and women-owned businesses, one of the best places to live and is working to make sure that all residents, no matter which background they represent, can experience the success that Denver has experienced.

With the onset of COVID-19 hitting many U.S. cities, Mayor Hancock and his Administration quickly pivoted the city's budget to meet the needs of Denverites, especially those who are most vulnerable and often disproportionately impacted, by securing millions of pieces of PPE for frontline workers, funding for programs to assist residents who need help paying for basic needs, including rent, utilities, mortgages, food and other shelters, and bulking up Denver's response efforts for people experiencing homelessness. From fighting for much-needed hotel rooms to creating two 24-hour shelters equipped with beds, restrooms, COVID-19 testing, support services, and most of all a safe, warm space for our unhoused residents, Mayor Hancock continues to dedicate resources and time around the clock to reach all of Denver's residents, especially those who need it most.

Mayor Hancock is Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Transportation and Communications Committee and Vice President of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors. He received his B.A. and from Hastings College, and MPA from the University of Colorado-Denver.

The Mayor's public service began on Denver City Council, where he served for eight years, including two terms as City Council President. His work in the community did not start there. He worked for the Denver Housing Authority and National Civic League and was the youngest President of an Urban League chapter in America. He is a die-hard Denver Broncos fan and served as an early mascot for the football team in his youth. Mayor Hancock is the proud father of three children: Alayna, Jordan, and Janae. He and his wife, Mary Louise, a renowned local performing artist, have been married for 27 years.

Mayor Robyn Tannehill – Oxford, Mississippi



Before being elected as Oxford's 36th Mayor in 2017, Robyn Tannehill was a dedicated volunteer for the Oxford School District and spent many hours working with the Oxford Parent Teacher Organizations in the different schools. As Oxford schools continued to outgrow their facilities, Robyn volunteered to co-chair the Oxford School District's \$30 Million Bond Campaign in 2011. The referendum passed, and allowed the Oxford School District to build a state-of-the-art new high school. For her efforts, Robyn was honored as the Oxford School District's Citizen of the Year.

Robyn has been recognized for her exemplary efforts in our community and state. The *Mississippi Business Journal* awarded her business skills by naming Robyn the Mississippi Business Woman of the Year, one of the

Top 40 Business People Under 40 Years Old, and one of the Top 50 Business Women in the State.

Y'all Politics named Robyn as one of Mississippi's Top 50 Most Influential People in their class of 2017. She shared this recognition with United States Senator Roger Wicker, Congressman Bennie Thompson, and others.

She has been recognized for her service and leadership by numerous organizations. Robyn was selected as a NewDEAL Leader. NewDEAL Leaders are pro-growth, progressive state and local elected officials championing ideas to grow the economy, expand opportunity for all, and make government work better.

Governing Magazine selected Robyn as one of 25 elected leaders in the United States to their prestigious Women in Government Leadership Program in 2019.

As Mayor, Robyn has focused on affordable workforce housing, investment in infrastructure, community policing. Oxford, Mississippi has seen success in these areas including \$72M in new infrastructure, facility upgrades and capital improvements over the past four years. Oxford is about to open the third phase of almost 200 new tax credit homes in Oxford. And, the Oxford Police Department has recently created a community response team, a new unit dedicated to cases that require additional police responses for people who experience sexual assaults, harassment, stalking or domestic violence.

Guiding through a pandemic presented a new set of challenges but it also allowed the Oxford community to find ways to come back more resilient, more sustainable and more equitable than ever before.

Robin Puanani Danner, Chairwoman of the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations



Ms. Danner is native Hawaiian, from the island of Kauai, where she was raised in the fishing village of Niumalu, as well as on the Indian reservations of the Navajo, Hopi, and arctic homelands in Alaska of the Inuit peoples. She has been a homestead resident in Anahola, Kauai, on Hawaiian Homelands since 1998.

Ms. Danner is a banker by training, having led the National Bank of Alaska (now Wells Fargo) in executive management serving 8 of the most northern communities in Alaska of Inuit peoples. She is also a former Executive Director of a Tribal Housing Authority serving 8 Tribal governments and the Director of Housing for the local municipal county government in the same region of Alaska. Ms. Danner is highly experienced in finance, investment and loan portfolio management, affordable housing and economic development in the private and public sectors, as well as experienced in federal government systems and advocacy. She continues to dedicate her career to the self determination of all Native peoples.

Ms. Danner is the elected Chair of the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA), a national policy advocate for the self-governing homestead associations on Hawaiian trust lands statewide, comparable to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). In 1920, the U.S. Congress enacted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 (HHCA) similar to Indian Allotment Acts of the same policy era. SCHHA is registered as a federally defined Homestead Beneficiary Association under 43 CFR 47.1.

SCHHA, founded in 1987, is organized by five Mokupuni representing the interests of HHCA beneficiaries and homestead associations on Kauai, Oahu, Maui/Lanai, Molokai and Hawaii Island. Ms. Danner is serving her second 4-year term as Chairwoman on the SCHHA Governing Board and leads SCHHA statewide and national public policy advocacy and strategies adopted by the SCHHA.

She is the founder of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), serves on the board of the Oweesta Corporation as Vice Chair headquartered in Colorado, and is the national Policy Chair at the Native CDFI Network (NCN) representing the interests of tribal and native community loan funds

headquartered in Washington DC. In 2021, Ms. Danner was elected to the national Rural Housing Coalition Board of Directors. She is also a State of Hawaii Commissioner on the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, appointed by Governor Abercrombie.

Ms. Danner is employed as the CEO and founder of the Homestead Community Development Corporation (HCDC) incorporated in 2009 to implement affordable housing and economic development projects on Hawaiian Home Lands important to SCHHA members and within the tenets of the HHCA land trust. HCDC has offices on Oahu, Kauai and Maui. In 2019, under her chairmanship, SCHHA incorporated Hawaiian Lending & Investments (HLI), a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to facilitate capital flow to HHCA beneficiaries and their families, farms, ranches and businesses statewide.

Ms. Danner is married, is the mother of 4 adult children, tutu of 3 grandchildren and resides in Anahola, Kauai with her husband Darren Eisenhour.

Founded in 1987, the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) is the oldest and largest governing homestead association registered with the Department of Interior, exercising sovereignty on the trust lands established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Jose “Che” Ramirez, Deputy Mayor, City Homelessness Initiatives – Los Angeles



Che has spent over 20 years working with unhoused and high risk youth communities across the State of California. Most recently he served as the Executive Director of the St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco, one of the largest homeless service providers in the Tenderloin. Prior to that he served as Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer at St. Francis Center in downtown Los Angeles serving homeless and near homeless families and leading initiatives to address food insecurity across the City. Che also worked with incarcerated youth, foster youth, and young adults in recovery in his hometown of Oxnard, CA. As Deputy Mayor, Che now oversees the Mayor's homelessness policy team focused on permanent supportive housing development and innovation, homelessness prevention, interim housing strategies, street strategies and operations, and Skid Row strategies.

James Arthur Jemison II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning & Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



As Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Arthur Jemison is the leader of the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), the policy lead and HUD partner for American Cities, Counties, States, and other local units of government. To advance this partnership, CPD administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CDBG - Disaster Recovery Funds, as well as the HOME Partnership program, Homelessness Assistance Grants (HAG) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), among other funds.

Mr. Jemison joined HUD from the City of Detroit, where he was Group Executive for Planning, Housing & Development, leading the City's efforts toward equitable growth, working in partnership with Directors of the Housing & Revitalization Department, the Planning & Development Department, the Detroit Land Bank Authority, Detroit Housing Commission, and the Bridging Neighborhoods program.

In early 2014, he was recruited by Mayor Michael Duggan to be the Director of the Housing & Revitalization Department for the City of Detroit, to assist as the City recovered from bankruptcy. In that capacity, Mr. Jemison led strategy, deployment and management of the City's housing policy and U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) entitlement funding.

Before coming to Detroit, Mr. Jemison served as Deputy Undersecretary and Deputy Director for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Governor Deval Patrick. Prior to that, Mr. Jemison held a variety of public- and private-sector positions, all related to city planning and urban development, primarily in Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. Locally, this includes his role in the Office of Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development in the District of Columbia, as the City recovered from Control Board management during the first term of Mayor Anthony Williams.

Mr. Jemison has a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude* in Social Thought and Political Economy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He also holds a Master of City Planning degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was a Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Fellow.

Mr. Jemison is also a 2021 Spirit of Detroit Award winner, a 2016 Michigan Chronicle Men / Women of Excellence awardee, and a member of the team recognized with the 2013 Robert Larson Public Policy Award for Workforce Housing from the Urban Land Institute, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Peggy Bailey, Senior Advisor on Rental Assistance, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



Peggy Bailey is the Senior Advisor on Rental Assistance in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Her responsibilities include improving policy and practices related to the Department’s rental subsidy and supply programs. This includes the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs, which help over 3 million people afford housing. Prior to joining HUD, Peggy was the Vice President of Housing Policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). In this capacity, she oversaw the Center’s work to protect and expand access to affordable housing for people with low incomes. Prior to becoming Vice President of Housing Policy, Bailey served as the director of

“Connect the Dots: Bridging Systems for Better Health”, a CBPP initiative that identifies opportunities to strengthen the link between housing and health policy.

Throughout her career, she has provided vision and leadership as health, child welfare, and other systems of care recognize that access to affordable housing is a growing need for people with low incomes.

Prior to joining the Center in January 2016, Peggy served as Director of Health Systems Integration for the Corporation for Supportive Housing, where she focused on finding sustainable funding sources for the services that people with histories of homelessness and chronic health conditions need to maintain their housing. Peggy also worked for the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

Peggy holds a B.A in Government from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



Since July 2017, Dominique Blom has been serving as the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH). She is responsible for administering and managing a range of programs for low-income families, including the public housing program, Housing Choice Voucher Program, and programs that serve Native Americans, totaling more than \$30 billion in annual funding. The mission of PIH is to ensure safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income families; create opportunities for residents’ self-sufficiency and economic independence; and ensure fiscal integrity by all program participants.

From 2006 to 2017, Dominique served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments at HUD. In this capacity, she was responsible for awarding and overseeing the Capital Fund grants, Choice Neighborhood grants,

and HOPE VI grants and implementing the Moving to Work demonstration. In addition to working with communities to revitalize distressed neighborhoods, she was responsible for developing policies and regulations governing mixed-finance and mixed-income public housing development, demolitions and dispositions, voluntary and required conversions and community and supportive services. Prior to becoming the Deputy Assistant Secretary in April 2006, she was the Director of the Office of Urban Revitalization, the office within HUD that administers the HOPE VI and mixed-finance programs. In 2010, Dominique was presented with the Meritorious Executive Rank Award in the Senior Executive Service for sustained superior accomplishment in management of programs of the United States Government and for noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency in public service. Dominique holds a B.A in Anthropology and Latin American Studies from Stanford University.

Priscilla Almodovar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Community Partners



Priscilla Almodovar is the president and chief executive officer of Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., a national nonprofit on a mission to make home and community places of pride, power, and belonging, and platforms for resilience and upward mobility for all.

With its 1,200 employees in cities and regions across the United States, Enterprise operates the only social enterprise designed to address America's affordable housing crisis from every angle – as lender, investor, and asset manager of rental homes people can afford; funder and advisor to community organizations and government agencies; advocate for nonpartisan housing policy; and owner-operator of 13,000 affordable rental homes. Priscilla works with a broad array of stakeholders to build on the strength and breadth of Enterprise's work nationwide. Under her leadership, Enterprise launched its 2020-2025 Strategic Plan and sharpened its focus on three priorities: to increase housing supply; advance racial equity and build resilience and upward mobility.

Priscilla joins Enterprise from JPMorgan Chase, where, as a managing director, she led two national real estate businesses for their commercial bank, one in commercial real estate and the other in community development. In these roles, she led teams of real estate professionals responsible for partnering with for-profit and nonprofit entities, local and state governments, and other organizations to finance projects across the country. As head of Chase's community development group, Priscilla was instrumental in JPMorgan Chase's award-winning commitment to support Detroit's economic recovery.

Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase, Priscilla was the president and chief executive officer of New York state's housing finance and mortgage agencies, where she is credited with transforming the way they worked and linking them with health care and economic development agencies, in addition to leading them during the Great Recession. New York state was the largest issuer of state housing bonds in the country all three years of her tenure. Priscilla has also served as the co-chair of the New York State Health Innovation Council, an advisory body of the New York State Department of Health, and previously led health care, housing, environmental, and criminal justice policy for a gubernatorial campaign. Priscilla began her career as an equity partner at the global law firm, White & Case LLP, where she specialized in international project finance.

Priscilla is among the very top Latinas in U.S. business today. Fortune named her one of the “50 Most Powerful Latinas,” and Hispanic Business named her one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” and one of their “25 US Corporate Elites.” She has also received special recognition from the United Hospital Fund for her work to create stable, healthy communities.

Jacqueline Waggoner, President, Solutions Division, Enterprise Community Partners



Jacqueline Waggoner is president, Solutions Division, for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. She leads a team of over 300 talented Enterprisers across the country, driving Enterprise’s programmatic, policy and advisory work in alignment with our strategic priorities: Increase Housing Supply, Advance Racial Equity, and Build Upward Mobility and Resilience.

Prior to her promotion to president in October 2020, Jacqueline was vice president and Southern California market leader. She led Enterprise’s affordable housing, community development, investment, and strategic programs serving the state’s Central Coast to San Diego, with a particular focus on the Los Angeles region.

Jacqueline started with Enterprise in 2005. During her tenure, she has deployed capital, intellectual resources, and capacity-building tools to achieve Enterprise’s strategic and production goals, leading to more than \$1.3 billion in Enterprise investments locally. With her experience in commercial real estate lending spanning more than 24 years, she has worked with the city of Los Angeles, banks and nonprofit developer partners to create local funds for affordable housing, advocate for low-income families and advance Enterprise’s vision of providing affordable homes in vibrant communities.

Jacqueline serves on a number of public, nonprofit and coalition boards, including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission (vice-chair) and its Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness (chair), the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, the Los Angeles Business Council and the Committee for a Greater LA. A Los Angeles native, she holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in urban planning from UCLA.