



Housing Colorado 2020 Board of Directors

Housing Colorado's Board of Directors members are appointed professionals who work in and serve the affordable housing industry in Colorado. Together, these members govern the organization and are the voice of the membership community. Get to know the 2020 Board:



Shelley Marquez
Board Chair
Community Relations Senior Manager, SVP, Wells Fargo

Shelley Marquez is Senior Vice President and Community Relations Senior Manager at Wells Fargo, managing the community development and philanthropy teams across 11 states. Marquez and her team are responsible for community outreach, stakeholder engagement, charitable contributions, and reputation activities impacting Wells Fargo's Community Reinvestment Act. Marquez has 33 years of experience in financial services and has been with Wells Fargo over 24 years. Prior to her current position, she was part of Wells Fargo's Business Banking Group where she developed an extensive lending experience. She is active in the community and is currently serves as a board member for Housing Colorado, Community First Foundation, and Asset Funders Network Steering Committee. Previously, Shelley served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas Community Development Advisory board, was board president for Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver, past board president and member of Mile High Community Loan Fund, and past board president for Colorado Enterprise Fund. She resides in Littleton, CO with husband Mark and has two daughters, Nicole and Stephanie.



Anthea Martin
Board Chair Elect
Senior Vice President, Bellwether Enterprise

Anthea is a senior vice president and based in the Denver office of Bellwether Enterprise. She has over 20 years of experience in multifamily finance specializes in loan origination for both market rate and affordable multifamily properties with an emphasis on FHA/HUD, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. Throughout her career, Anthea has been responsible for structuring, underwriting, and closing over 80 transactions with over \$1 billion. Prior to joining Bellwether, Anthea was vice president at Walker & Dunlop. Preceding Walker & Dunlop, she served as vice president and senior MAP underwriter at CBRE. In Anthea's previous positions at Colorado Business Bank and Signet Partners, she gained experience with construction lending and the refinancing of several nationwide Section 8 contracts. She began her career working in the CMBS department of Lehman Brothers and as an investment analyst for NorthMarq Capital. Anthea has a Bachelor of Science degree from Stern School of Business at New York University in information systems and marketing and a Master's degree from the Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Denver. Anthea was the recipient of Housing Wire's 2016 Women of Influence award.



Amy Case
Past Chair
Chief Financial Officer, Foothills Regional Housing

As Chief Financial Officer, Amy manages accounting and finance functions for an agency with a portfolio of over 1500 vouchers, 1200 residential units including Section 8, 202, LIHTC, and market rate units in addition to resident services. Prior to beginning her Housing Authority career 11 years ago, Amy had worked for many years in the financial services industry, including consumer and mortgage lending. In addition to volunteering her time to Housing Colorado on the Governance and Finance committees, she has dedicated time to serving her community through her membership in Rotary and as prior Chair of a Mesa County K-12 charter school.



Maribel Cifuentes
Portfolio Director, Colorado Health Foundation

Maribel Cifuentes is a Portfolio Director at the Colorado Health Foundation, where she leads a team of program officers working to bring health in reach for all Coloradans. Maribel's current focus is on advancing a portfolio of investments related to the social determinants of health, including affordable housing. Maribel has two decades of experience in academia and philanthropy. For eighteen years she was a faculty member at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, where she worked in medical student education and evaluation and in health services research. She was the deputy director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's national program, Prescription for Health – an initiative to optimize how primary care clinics help their patients change unhealthy behaviors and live healthier lives. She was also deputy director of the Colorado Health Foundation's program, Advancing Care Together – an initiative to bring primary care and behavioral health services together to provide integrated and more comprehensive care. She has led numerous programs, published original research, sat on a number of committees, and has collaborated in international research projects in Basque Country, Spain. She is a member of Hispanics in Philanthropy and Grantmakers in Health, and she serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology and on the Colorado State Leadership Council for Enterprise Community Partners. Maribel holds a nursing degree from the University of Colorado. She was born in Guatemala and has lived in Colorado most of her life.



Brian Cohen
Director of Business Development, Taylor Kohrs

Brian Cohen is a veteran to the construction industry with over 30 years of experience. As Director of Business Development for Taylor Kohrs, he builds his career on harboring client relationships from the first phone call through project close-out. His dedication to teamwork and attention to detail make Brian a leader in strategic planning, connecting with clients, building sustainable partnerships and meeting client objectives. He serves on the Housing Colorado Membership committee, ULI Impact Awards Committee and NAIOP Rocky Mountain Real Estate Challenge Committee.



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Joe DelZotto
President & CEO, Delwest Capital LLC

Joe DelZotto has extensive experience in the development of real estate. Joe's experience includes land development, apartments, assisted living centers, single family, condominium and town home construction. Joe attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada and earned his BA in Economics from the University of Toronto. Joe moved to Denver in the early 1990's. Joe is also part of a family run company in Toronto Canada. The companies roots trace back to his grandfather, a stone mason from Northern Italy who migrated with his family to Canada and started in the construction business in 1934. Joe enjoys traveling, skiing, golf and most importantly spending time with his family.



Stefka Fanchi
President & CEO, Elevation Community Land Trust

Stefka holds a Bachelor degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University and has completed graduate work in International Management with a specialization in Sustainable Development from the School for International Training. Stefka specializes in affordable home ownership, large-scale non-profit fundraising and finance, and public policy, and she has held executive level positions with Habitat for Humanity of Colorado and Qualistar Colorado, as well as development positions with the Smithsonian Institution and the City of Lakewood, Colorado. She has raised more than \$100 million dollars over the course of her career, and currently serves as President & CEO for Elevation Community Land Trust.



Alison George
Director of Housing, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Alison George is the state director of housing serving the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH) in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), where she directs all DOH programs, ranging from statewide housing voucher programs and manufactured housing code and mobile home park regulatory oversight, to Federal and State funding for constructing new affordable housing. Alison brings more than 25 years of experience in affordable housing finance and development. Before joining DOH, Alison served Mercy Housing Colorado as its Regional Vice President of Multifamily Housing and the Michaels Development Company as its Vice President of Development overseeing housing development in Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Alison holds appointments from Governor Polis to the Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council and the Colorado Behavioral Health Safety Net Subcommittee. Alison also serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCEDA) in Washington, DC. Alison has been a board member of Housing Colorado since 2018.



Jaime Gomez
Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Director

Jaime G. Gomez is the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer for the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). In his current position, Mr. Gomez plays an active role in the organization's strategic planning and innovation activities and has oversight responsibility for CHFA's business operations, which includes loan production activities, marketing and community relations, research and strategy, loan servicing, and asset management functions. CHFA's loan production activities total more than \$2.0B annually, through its single family mortgage operation, multifamily lending, low income housing tax credit allocation, and the small business lending functions. CHFA's single family loan servicing portfolio includes nearly 35,000 loans with UPB of more than \$6.2 billion. Mr. Gomez earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Finance from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has completed Executive Leadership programs at both the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and the University of Denver. Gomez currently serves on the Board of Directors for Mercy Loan Fund (current Vice Chair), including serving on Mercy Housing's National Strategic Planning Oversight Committee. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for Housing Colorado and is a voting member of Governor Polis' Financial Review Committee for economic development.



Craig Maraschky
Board Secretary
Executive Director, Aurora Housing Authority

Craig Maraschky has served as Executive Director of the Aurora Housing Authority since 2008. Prior to his position in Aurora he's held positions with the Douglas County Housing Partnership, Adams County Housing Authority, Arapahoe County, and the City of Thornton. Craig has nearly 25 years of experience working on affordable housing and community development issues in the Denver metro area. Craig has served as President of the Colorado Chapter of NAHRO and currently serves on two national NAHRO committees. Craig has worked along side his peers on several successful Congressional reforms to the Housing Choice Voucher Program. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado.



Jeff Martinez
President, Brothers Redevelopment

Jeff Martinez is the president of Brothers Redevelopment, a Denver-based nonprofit organization that provides housing and housing-related services to more than 20,000 residents across the state. With the organization since 2007, Jeff joined “Brothers” as its first ever Director of Communications and Community Relations. He was promoted to vice president in 2010 and chosen by the Brothers Redevelopment Board of Directors in 2012 to become only the fourth president in Brothers’ 45-year history.

During his tenure as President, the agency has expanded its programming to introduce the state’s only comprehensive housing helpline for consumers, Colorado Housing Connects (1-844-926-6632), and increased partnerships with the state and local governments to serve residents in central/southern Colorado, northern Colorado and the state of Wyoming. A native of Denver and resident of the South Park Hill neighborhood, he worked as the public relations supervisor for the City of Aurora prior to joining Brothers Redevelopment. It’s in Aurora where he got the “bug” for housing, as he was tasked with promoting the city’s vision for a redeveloped Fitzsimons Campus and revitalized East Colfax corridor—securing unprecedented media coverage for Original Aurora and the city’s northwest neighborhoods. Jeff is a graduate of Metropolitan State University.



Lee Patke
Board Treasurer
Executive Director, Greccio Housing

Lee has twenty-seven years in corporate and non-profit settings that combined business operations, execution of strategic plans, workforce readiness, and service to clients across a variety of settings. Lee has served as Executive Director for Greccio Housing in Colorado Springs since 2010. During his tenure with Greccio, Lee has overseen acquisition of 5 properties, over 200 additional units, approximately \$4,000,000 in rehabilitation, new supportive services for residents, and the distinction of El Pomar’s Pikes Peak Award for Excellence in 2014 for Greccio Housing. Immediately prior to Greccio, Mr. Patke was Chief Operating Officer of Residential Services at Griffith Centers for Children, having served as Therapist, Program Director, and COO over 12 years. He holds a Bachelor’s in Communications from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX, and a Master’s of Science in Social Work for the University of Texas in Arlington.



Brian Sample
Asset Management Vice President, Mercy Community Capital

Brian joined Mercy Community Capital in January 2011 as an Asset Manager. Since then, he has moved into increasingly responsible rolls as Senior Asset Manager, Director of Asset Management and his current position of Asset Management Vice President. Brian oversees operations staff for Mercy Community Capital (MCC). In addition, he manages MCC's portfolio risk by evaluating loan renewals and extensions, tracking loan monitoring information, analyzing status reports and borrower financials, and maintaining databases containing all information relating to loans in the portfolio. In addition, Brian is responsible for maximizing the capabilities of the loan accounting system and streamlining report functions. He comes from Megastar financial where he worked as a Commercial Loan Officer. Prior to that, he was Production Manager for Silver Hill Financial, a small balance commercial lender focusing on multifamily and owner-occupied properties. He previously spent 8 years working for the Developmental Disabilities Center in Boulder where he managed 11 group homes. He has a BS in sociology from Colby College.



María Sepúlveda
Vice President of Community & Government Partnerships, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

María Sepúlveda leads Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver's advocacy program, collaborating with community and government partners in furtherance of the organization's mission and vision. She manages the government grants and contracts team and is responsible for advancing Habitat's community development strategy. María's work experience includes practicing law for Denver firms focusing on commercial litigation, serving as Staff Attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and serving as Vice President in Wells Fargo's Commercial Real Estate and Community Relations divisions. María received her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado-Boulder and her Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. Sepúlveda serves on the boards of Community Resources Housing Development Corporation and Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, steering committee of Mile High Connects, advisory committee member of Colorado Enterprise Fund and is a member of the Barrio E' Puerto Rican Music and Dance Ensemble.



Alisa Wilson
Vice President, S.B. Clark

Ms. Wilson is the Vice President of S.B. Clark Companies, a public finance consulting company based in Denver. She joined S.B. Clark Companies in May 2018. Ms. Wilson has a background in affordable housing lending, grantmaking, and public policy and extensive experience with debt and equity finance of mixed-income and LIHTC transactions. Ms. Wilson specializes in deal structuring, project-level underwriting, subordinate financing, and transactional due diligence. She provides significant perspective around public-private partnerships from her previous positions in county and state government. Ms. Wilson has over 12 years of experience in community development finance. Prior to joining S.B. Clark Companies, she was the Housing Development Manager at the Colorado Division of Housing where she oversaw the Division's grant and loan underwriting team and multifamily loan closings. She has also worked at national community development lenders Mercy Loan Fund and Enterprise Community Loan Fund, and Maryland's Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs where she underwrote and closed multifamily loans, managed affordable housing development projects, and administered local housing trust fund, HOME and CDBG funds. Ms. Wilson earned her Bachelor of Art's degree in Economics from Wake Forest University and her Master's in Urban Planning from New York University's school of public service. Ms. Wilson serves on the Board of Directors for Senior Housing Options, a non-profit owner and manager of assisted living and independent living communities that serve elderly and disabled Coloradans.