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Mr. Rackleff was confirmed by the United States Senate on August 3, 2017, to serve as Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD). CPD is responsible for administering grants to alleviate homelessness, develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide quality affordable housing and expand economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons. The CPD division within HUD administers various grant programs which help communities plan and finance their growth and development, increase their capacity to govern, and provide shelter and services for low-to-moderate income persons. CPD oversees the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program (HOPWA), and Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), as well other grant offices within CPD. Additionally, CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding is administered through CPD.

Prior to assuming his current role as Assistant Secretary with HUD, Mr. Rackleff was a Partner at Locke Lord, a nationally recognized law firm, where he focused his practice on community and economic development, affordable housing, and inner-city revitalization. Prior to his tenure with Locke Lord, he previously served as Director of the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department. During his Houston tenure, the Department financed production of approximately 10,000 high-quality affordable multifamily housing units and assisted 1,700 single-family homeowners with reconstruction of hurricane-damaged homes, financial assistance to low-income homebuyers and emergency home repairs to ameliorate health and safety issues. Additionally, during this period, Houston became the first major city to effectively end Veterans' homelessness, while chronic homelessness declined over 70%. Key revitalization projects Mr. Rackleff led include developing a grocery store in a food desert and the historic preservation and conversion of a blighted office building into the new JW Marriott Houston Downtown hotel. Mr. Rackleff graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University and received his law degree from the University of Southern California.