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Professional Summary

Public policy and legislative affairs leader with over 15 years of experience shaping affordable housing and community development policy at the national level. Proven record of policy analysis, federal advocacy, strategic planning, and leading high-performing teams. Skilled communicator with a history of engaging Congress, federal agencies, and diverse stakeholders to advance mission-driven goals.

Key Skills

- Federal legislative strategy & advocacy
 - Policy analysis & development
 - Affordable housing & community development programs
 - Public speaking & presentations
 - Research & data analysis
 - Writing & editing (policy briefs, white papers, articles)
 - Strategic planning & coalition building
 - Staff supervision & team leadership
 - Budget management
 - Conference content development
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Professional Experience

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)

Washington, DC (Hybrid) | Oct 2015 – Present

Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs

Oct 2023 – Present

- Advise CEO and executive team on public policy and legislative strategies.
- Review and analyze federal legislation and HUD regulations; coordinate responses to Congress and HUD.
- Lead development of annual legislative and regulatory agenda; draft legislative language to implement policy goals.

- Oversee creation of policy resources including briefs, research papers, and proposed legislation.
- Supervise Policy and Legislative Affairs staff, providing strategic direction.
- Author articles on policy developments for NAHRO publications.
- Deliver presentations at national and regional conferences; review and approve staff presentations.
- Collaborate with CEO and Communications team to brief members of Congress and the media.
- Manage department budget, ensuring responsible allocation of resources.

Director of Policy and Program Development

Nov 2021 – Oct 2023

- Managed department tracking 20+ federal housing and community development programs.
- Reviewed legislation and HUD regulations; communicated recommendations to Congress and HUD.
- Drafted policy positions for board and committee review.
- Oversaw annual research report on rental assistance and community development.
- Supervised staff and managed grants to ensure deliverables.
- Drafted briefs, letters, and articles; developed policy content for national conferences.
- Built coalitions with stakeholders.
- Moderated webinars and delivered live trainings for members.

Policy Advisor

Jun 2015 – Nov 2021

- Represented NAHRO before federal agencies and on Capitol Hill.
- Produced policy analyses, white papers, and memoranda on legislative proposals.
- Led drafting of regulatory comment letters.
- Developed newsletter content and policy alerts for members.
- Presented updates via webinars and at national and regional conferences.

Housing Assistance Council

Washington, DC | Oct 2010 – Jun 2015

Research Associate

- Led research projects on rural rental housing, homelessness, and federal housing programs.
- Authored reports, briefs, webinars, and presentations for diverse audiences.
- Drafted congressional testimony and submitted comments on federal policy proposals.

Earlier Roles

Role	Organization	Dates	Location
Research Intern	BC Housing	Jan 2010 – May 2010	Burnaby, BC
Research Assistant	Teresa Poppelwell	Jan 2010 – Apr 2010	Vancouver, BC
Research Intern	Mitacs	Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	British Columbia
Housing Policy Intern	City of Vancouver	May 2009 – Sep 2009	Vancouver, BC
Research Assistant	Center for Human Settlements	Sep 2008 – Feb 2009	Vancouver, BC
Information & Communications Coordinator	Department of Neighborhoods	Jan 2008 – Aug 2008	Anchorage, AK

Publications & Presentations

- Contributor to *NAHRO Monitor*, *Journal of Housing and Community Development*, *HAC News*.
 - Presenter at NAHRO national, regional, and state conferences.
 - Developer and moderator of webinars and live trainings.
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Education

Master of Arts (Planning) – University of British Columbia, 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Geography – University of Washington, 2006