

Advocates' Guide Authors

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Lance George serves as Director of Research and Information at the Housing Assistance Council. With more than 20 years of experience, Lance leads the organization’s research and policy efforts. Lance works at the intersection of housing, research, and data to help Americans who have quality and safe homes, understand and care about those who do not. Lance’s research encompasses a wide array of issues and topics related to affordable housing.

ED GRAMLICH

Ed Gramlich has been with NLIHC since October 2005. For his first two years, Ed staffed the RegWatch Project, an endeavor to expand the Coalition's capacity to monitor federal regulatory and administrative actions, with a focus on preserving the affordable housing stock, both public and assisted. Between October 2007 and January 2010, he was the Director of Outreach. Since 2010 he has led NLIHC's efforts related to affordable housing regulations, as Senior Advisor, and has been NLIHC's expert on regulations related to the national Housing Trust Fund and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Prior to joining the staff of the Coalition, he worked for 26 years at the Center for Community Change (CCC), where his primary function was to provide technical assistance about CDBG to low-income community-based groups. While at CCC, Ed also devoted considerable time to providing technical assistance to groups concerned about the negative impacts of UDAGs in their community. Ed has a BS and MBA from Washington University.

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Ellen Lurie Hoffman joined the National Housing Trust in May 2014 and serves as the Senior Director of Federal Policy. NHT is a national leader in preserving and improving affordable housing, ensuring that privately owned rental housing remains in our affordable housing stock and is sustainable over time. Ms. Lurie Hoffman is responsible for federal housing policy spanning the HUD Budget, maintaining and improving the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, energy efficiency investments, housing finance reform, and fair housing. She represents the Trust before congressional staff, federal officials, and other housing advocates and stakeholders. Ms. Lurie Hoffman facilitates the national Preservation Working Group, a coalition of over 40 nonprofit organizations dedicated to the preservation of affordable rental housing. She leads the Trust's "Where Will We Live?" campaign, a special effort to elevate housing issues at the federal, state, and local level by raising the voices of residents,

developing new messaging, creating cross-sector partnerships, and identifying new champions. Ms. Lurie Hoffman also co-directs federal policy engagement within Energy Efficiency for All, a multi-state initiative that works to make multifamily housing healthy and affordable through energy and water efficiency.

Before joining the Trust, Ms. Lurie Hoffman worked for the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) for nine years, where she analyzed and advocated for federal multifamily housing policy issues on behalf of the nation's state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs). NCSHA is the leading national nonprofit organization created by state HFAs to coordinate and leverage their federal advocacy efforts for affordable housing. Ms. Lurie Hoffman led NCSHA's legislative campaign to advocate for congressional authorization of Ginnie Mae securitization within the FHA-HFA Risk-Sharing program. Ms. Lurie Hoffman has been engaged on the HUD budget, housing finance reform, HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), and FHA and USDA multifamily programs. She also promoted a primary role for state agencies in the Section 8 Performance-Based Contract Administration (PBCA) program with HUD and Congress.

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Before joining NLIHC in 2019, Kimberly earned her master's degree in public policy from George Washington University. During her graduate program, she interned with Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future and with the Senate Minority Health Committee. She also held a fellowship with the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Before graduate school, Kimberly resided in Harrisonburg, VA, working as an advocate for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. In 2014, she served on an advisory committee to the Obama Administration's White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. She received her B.S. in Psychology and M.A. in Psychological Sciences from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

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