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Ethan Handelman - Biography

Ethan Handelman is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He was appointed in February 2021 by the Biden-Harris Administration.

The Office of Multifamily Housing Programs administers the Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance program for multifamily properties and oversees more than 23,000 assisted properties, including affordable housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Approximately 2.6 million families find housing in the Multifamily's portfolio of 30,400 properties, which are found in every state and some U.S. territories—urban, suburban, and rural areas.

Prior to joining HUD, Ethan was a Senior Policy Analyst at the Federal Housing Finance Agency in the Office of Housing and Community Investment, which oversees the affordable housing mission activities of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks. There he wrote the amendments to the housing goals for the Federal Home Loan Banks, worked on the Duty to Serve program, and other affordable housing policies.

Prior to joining FHFA, he spent seven years as Vice President for Policy and Advocacy at the National Housing Conference (NHC), finishing his time as Acting CEO. While at NHC, Ethan directed the policy agenda aimed at ensuring affordable housing for all, led national working groups, spoke, and wrote extensively, and testified before Congress. Ethan also previously led the advisory practice at Recap Real Estate Advisors, assisting public and private-sector clients to understand and shape the affordable housing financial and policy environment. Ethan received his Master of Arts in International Relations from Harvard University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Michigan. He previously served as president of the board of Housing Unlimited, a nonprofit housing provider in Montgomery County, Maryland.