



**Commissioner Nick Fish**  
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## **COMMISSIONER NICK FISH APPOINTS KATE ALLEN AS HOUSING POLICY MANAGER**

Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish on Tuesday appointed Kate Allen to the position of Housing Policy Manager. Allen brings over 18 years of public and private sector housing experience to her new role developing and overseeing citywide policy in the areas of affordable housing and community development.

Allen has served since 2003 as the Director of Enterprise Community Partners, formerly The Enterprise Foundation, in Oregon and SW Washington. While there she focused on finding creative ways to integrate safe, healthy affordable housing into several community building initiatives through broad nonprofit, public and private sector engagement.

“Kate brings a valuable depth of knowledge of local, state and federal housing policy. She has a proven record of consensus building and policy change,” said Commissioner Fish. “Her sense of urgency and innovation has served the housing needs of low-income Portlanders. We are extremely fortunate to have a talented and highly regarded housing expert such as Kate Allen on board.”

Prior to her work at Enterprise, Allen worked as a principal of Housing Partners, Inc. and staffed the Portland Development Commission’s Downtown Housing Preservation Partnership. She has written and presented extensively in the region on topics of affordable housing finance and sustainable, equitable community development.

Allen serves on the Steering Committee of the Oregon Housing Preservation Partnership, on the board of City Community Development, Inc. and is a member of the Coalition for a Livable Future. She is a past member of the Metro Housing Choice Task Force.

Allen will begin her full-time work at the Bureau of Housing and Community Development on October 24. She resides in SE Portland and has two daughters attending college in Oregon.

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