

Michele Byrd

Director, Housing and Community Development Department | City of Oakland



Michele Byrd has been serving as the Director of the city of Oakland’s Housing and Community Development Department since February 2012. She has demonstrated her leadership across a wide breadth of programs and partnerships ranging from the establishment of the Housing Assistance Center to provide services in response to the Foreclosure and Housing Crisis, to the passage of amendments to the Rent Adjustment Ordinance and her proactive role in advocating for the passage of a 25% set aside in response to the difficult loss of Redevelopment funds for Affordable Housing. Prior to her current role, she served as Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development.

Ms. Byrd began her career with the City of Oakland as the Manager of the Community Development Block Grant Program. She previously held the position of Special Projects Manager for the City and County of San Francisco.

Ms. Byrd holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Hayward and a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from University of California, Davis. She serves on the Board of Directors of the East Bay Rescue Mission and the Bay Area HomeBuyer Agency.



CITY OF OAKLAND

Incorporated in 1852, Oakland is the eighth largest city in California, with a population of 420,000 and a wealth of resources and opportunities.

Located on the east side of the San Francisco Bay, Oakland is bordered by 19 miles of coastline to the west and rolling hills to the east, which provide unparalleled vistas of the Bay and the Pacific Ocean.