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California Housing Finance Agency Welcomes New Director of Legislation Mehgie Tabar

Tabar brings a wide range of experience to strengthen CalHFA's housing efforts

SACRAMENTO, March 14, 2024 — Mehgie Tabar will join CalHFA as its new Director of Legislation following Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement of her appointment on Wednesday.



Mehgie Tabar
Director of Legislation, CalHFA

Tabar has served as the Principal Consultant at the California Senate Housing Committee since 2022 following a stint at the Department of Housing and Community Development where she held the positions of Data and Research Manager and Senior Housing Specialist from 2019 to 2022.

“Mehgie’s legislative expertise comes straight from the source – the California Legislature – and those skills will be vital as CalHFA continues its work to advance our state’s housing priorities,” said CalHFA Executive Director Tiena Johnson Hall. “I’m excited to tap into Mehgie’s wide breadth of housing knowledge, from policy and community development to data and research, to help accomplish our mission to finance diverse housing opportunities for Californians.”

Tabar was previously an Associate at Root Policy Research, where from 2016 to 2019 she conducted housing market analyses, fair housing assessments, impact fee studies and strategic plans. She also worked as a Consultant at the Concord Group from 2014 to 2016 and a Research Assistant at Rosenow Spevacek Group in 2014.

A member of the American Planning Association, with certification through the American Institute of Certified Planners, Tabar earned her Master of Arts degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of California, Irvine.

“I am thrilled to join the CalHFA team,” Tabar said. “I share the organization’s passion for centering government programs on equity and improving the quality of life for all communities.”

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The California Housing Finance Agency was created in 1975 with the goal of helping more Californians find a place to call home. CalHFA has helped more than 220,000 low- and moderate-income homebuyers with \$37.5 billion in first mortgages and used \$9.4 billion in financing for the construction and preservation of more than 78,000 rental housing units throughout the state. CalHFA is a self-supported state agency that doesn't rely on taxpayer dollars for its operational costs but is currently administering various state and federal resources on behalf of the state through targeted programs. For more information on CalHFA programs, and how we are investing in diverse California communities, visit www.calhfa.ca.gov or call toll free at 877.9.CalHFA (877.922.5432).