



HCD
Research Fellow

In July, the Housing & Community Development Division committed to centering conversations on race and equity in housing and community development. As part of that ongoing work, we are excited to welcome Kanika Khanna, who will be providing content and leadership as our Division's Research Fellow over the coming months.

Kanika Khanna is a doctoral student at Cornell University's Department of Government. Broadly, her research is centered around race and ethnic politics, housing policy, and inequality in the United States. Her ongoing work focuses on the politics of racial segregation and integration as they relate to fair and affordable housing. Prior to enrolling at Cornell, she was a project manager for a low-income housing tax credit consulting firm, working with nonprofits in New York City developing affordable and supportive housing. She has a BA from the City University of New York and an MPP from Brown University.

In her own words:

I am grateful for the opportunity to join the HCD Division as its new Research Fellow on Race, Equity and Housing. In this role, I am committed to centering critiques, assessments, practices, and crucial conversations addressing racial equity in housing and community development. We in HCD will collectively do so by centering the needs and voices of Black Americans and all communities of color, collectively reckoning with historical and systemic practices that have perpetuated racial injustices, and envisioning what equitable housing looks like as well as how it can be achieved. While this work is constant and unfinished, I believe it is essential. I look forward to providing HCD members with resources to inform continued conversations and action towards a more racially just future.