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Bryan Esenberg is the Managing Deputy Commissioner for DOH Programs. Committed to improving housing choice for all residents, Esenberg has been instrumental in the acquisition and development of affordable programs for homeownership, rental and neighborhood development across the City resulting in thousands of new and preserved affordable homes, revitalized communities, and healthier lives.

Esenberg was a leading driver of the department's move to bi-annual rounds of the Qualified Allocation Plan of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), the City's largest producer of low-income housing units. He has continued this effort of transparency by introducing an intake process for multi-family unit developments by engaging with underwriters in advance of an application that provides feedback on policy, procedure, and readiness for each applicant.

Since joining DOH in 2013, Esenberg has held various positions within the department including Assistant Commissioner for Multifamily (MF) Development, Assistant Commissioner of Housing Preservation, and Deputy Commissioner for MF Development and Housing Preservation. One of only three US cities empowered to allocate these dollars, Esenberg oversaw the LIHTC allocation process in 2017 and 2019. DOH allocates and leverages over \$100M of LIHTC and Federal resources for MF development annually, producing approximately 1,200 units per year.

Esenberg began his affordable career at Neighborhood Housing Services Redevelopment Corporation (NHSRC) where he saw the struggles and rewards of returning vacant and abandoned buildings back to productive use. As the NeighborHomes Manager, Esenberg was responsible for the acquisition, construction and sales of NHSRC's rehabbed homes and the management of their MF rental portfolio where he focused on developments that would improve housing choice for residents.

Prior joining NHSRC, Esenberg worked for the Japan External Trade Organization [JETRO], the official overseas trade promotion agency of Japan. He holds a BA in Economics from Indiana University, a MA in Real Estate from the University of Illinois, Chicago and is a 2019 Alumnus of the University of Chicago Civic Leadership Academy. Outside of work, Esenberg's favorite activities include playing music, practicing jiu jitsu, and doing both with his son.