



**Speaker Bio: Margaret Salazar, Regional Administrator, Region X**

Salazar serves as Pacific Northwest Regional Administrator for Region X (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska). Prior to this role, she served in the cabinet of Oregon Governor Kate Brown as Executive Director of Oregon Housing Community Services (OHCS), the state’s Housing Finance Agency. During her five-year tenure at the helm, OHCS tripled its production of affordable rental housing, created nearly 1,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing statewide, deployed \$500 million in emergency rental assistance, passed legislation to expand racial equity in homelessness programs, and expanded mortgage lending to homebuyers of color. Salazar led the agency to respond to the state’s historic 2020 wildfires with innovative modular developments and services for Oregon’s agricultural workers. A national leader in affordable housing finance, Salazar previously served in leadership roles in HUD Headquarters, where she stewarded the Rental Assistance Demonstration and financed the recapitalization of hundreds of properties while safeguarding affordability for thousands of vulnerable seniors and families. Salazar began her career in philanthropy, funding community organizations working for social and economic justice across the Western States. A long-time housing advocate, she led a successful grassroots campaign for just cause eviction protections in Oakland, California in 2002. Salazar is a graduate of Wesleyan University and UC Berkeley’s Goldman School of Public Policy and has served on the Boards of Directors of the Low Income Investment Fund, National Housing Trust, and National Council of State Housing Agencies. She grew up on a cherry orchard in Hood River, Oregon and is proud to call the Pacific Northwest home.