



Gin Cohen

Vice President, Development

Gin Cohen joined the Michaels Team in 1999 with prior experience in the development, financing and construction supervision of affordable housing projects. As Vice President of Development, Ms. Cohen's responsibilities include all aspects of the development process, including site acquisition, securing local approvals, securing necessary financing, selection and coordination among design and building professionals.

Ms. Cohen has worked extensively in the public and nonprofit sectors. She served as Director of Housing Development for United Community Corporation, a 42-year old nonprofit organization in Newark, New Jersey. Ms. Cohen secured all of the financing necessary to enable Unity Community Corporation to build its first affordable housing development and community center.

While in Newark, Ms. Cohen also served as Housing Chair to Newark's Westside Park Community, one of several Urban Coordinating Council districts designated by New Jersey's Governor. As Housing Chair, Ms. Cohen coordinated with local nonprofits, residents and other community stakeholders to prioritize and coordinate new affordable and market-rate housing development within a targeted 120 square block neighborhood.

Ms. Cohen has also served on the Newark Community Development Network, a collaboration of twenty of Newark's nonprofit Community Development Corporations, working together to plan and coordinate affordable housing development and neighborhood stabilization throughout the city.

Ms. Cohen was the Program Coordinator for the City of East Orange Department of Development Multifamily Housing Division and administered the city's HOME and CDGB programs. She worked with developers in the planning and implementation of multifamily, affordable housing projects that utilized HOME, CDBG funds, Federal Home Loan Bank subsidies and Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Ms. Cohen attended Cornell University and has a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture.