Laurie Vignaud is Assistant Director for the City of Houston Housing & Community Development. In this role, Laurie supervises the Single Family and Economic Development Division at HCDD.

Her division is responsible for identifying and supporting existing homeowners by providing grants and services through the Home Repair Program; build new single-family homes for sale to low and moderate-income individuals and families through the New Home Development Program; and provide down payment and closing costs assistance to income-eligible first-time homebuyers through the Homebuyer Assistance Program. Additionally, the division is responsible for creating and promoting economic development and revitalization opportunities in the communities the division serves. She manages a team of 35 associates.

Prior to joining the HCDD, Laurie served as the President of Capital One Bank’s Community Development Corporation and Senior Vice President of Community Development Banking for their South-Central Region. She has over 30 years of experience in community development and has received numerous awards and recognitions for creating innovative affordable housing and economic development programs while at Capital One.

In 2017, Laurie’s fight for equal access to Capital One’s banking services across racial groups led to her termination from the bank. She is now a lead plaintiff in a $180 billion dollar federal lawsuit filed against Capital One in which she and other plaintiffs complain that Capital One is geographically “redlining” Black and Latino communities to avoid providing traditional banking services in those underserved communities. The suit is expected to have nationwide consequences for the bank with the expected joinder of the powerful National Community Reinvestment Coalition.