Secretary Ed Augustus leads the newly created Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities. The office is dedicated to housing and driving solutions to create more homes and lower costs. It is focused on the urgent need to build places to live that are affordable and closer to public transit – giving residents access to jobs, medical care, groceries, and other essential services.

Before joining the Healey administration, Secretary Augustus served as City Manager of Worcester, functioning as the gateway city's chief administrative and executive officer of more than 200,000 people.

As City Manager, Augustus spearheaded the \$240 million landmark redevelopment of Worcester's canal district, including leading the complex negotiation to relocate the Boston Red Sox AAA affiliate (now the WooSox) to the city and constructing the multi-use Polar Park Stadium.

Before joining the city of Worcester, Augustus served as Director of Government and Community Relations for the College of Holy Cross, state senator for the 2nd Worcester district, chief of staff for Congressman Jim McGovern, and chief of staff to the assistant secretary for intergovernmental and interagency affairs at the U.S. Department of education under President Clinton's administration.