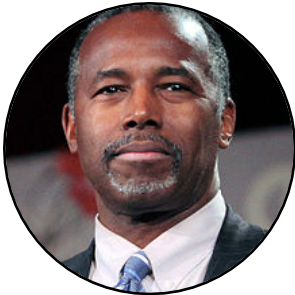


After much speculation, Trump finds a place in his administration for Ben Carson

Bio of Trump’s nominee for secretary of housing and urban development

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development



Ben Carson
Retired neurosurgeon

Previous positions	Bio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident surgeon, Johns Hopkins Hospital • Director of pediatric surgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital • Author, six bestselling books 	<p>Carson was born in Detroit, Michigan and is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan Medical School. He was the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland and a pioneer in neurosurgery. He performed the first and only separation of Siamese twins joined at the back of the head. In 2008 he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the U.S. Carson rose to political fame in 2013 after criticizing President Obama during a National Prayer Breakfast. Carson ran against Trump in the Republican primary, and at one point during the race Trump questioned the intelligence of Iowa voters for believing some of Carson's claims. After dropping out, Carson later joined Trump’s campaign and made appearances on political talk shows as a surrogate.</p>

Sources: Philip Bump, “Ben Carson: from Trump friend to enemy to ally to outsider to Cabinet member,” Washington Post, December 5, 2016; David Wright, “Trump taps Ben Carson for HUD secretary,” CNN, December 5, 2016.