

MARYLAND HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Thomas R. Hobbs, 1991

Vice-Chairperson: Mark Sissman, 1991

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair & vice-chair): Margaret Allen, 1989; Martha Benton, 1989; Honiss W. Cane, 1989; Thomas S. Bozzuto, 1990; Paul K. Casey, 1990; Lynda G. Given, 1990; James I. Humphrey, Jr., 1990; Dana M. Jones, 1991; Anna M. Long, 1991; Elmer E. Horsey, 1992; Robert L. Mitchell, 1992; Kathleen E. Scheg, 1992; R. Thomas Thayer, 1992.

Nonvoting members: Julian L. Lapidés, *designee of Senate President*; Howard P. Rawlings, *designee of House Speaker*; Margaret White and Dean Reger, *U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development field office representatives*.

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Created in 1983, the Maryland Housing Policy Commission helps the Secretary of Housing and Community Development identify ways to increase housing supply and ownership opportunities for people of low and moderate income (Chapter 668, Acts of 1983).

The Commission develops, adopts, and annually updates the State Housing Plan, issues a policy and needs statement, and assesses their implementation. The Commission recommends to the Secretary innovative programs to build, finance, insure, and manage housing for families, elderly citizens, and others inadequately served by the private market. It also assists the Secretary through a public information service, to bring available housing resources to the attention of those in need.

As an advocate of the housing needs of low and moderate income people, the Commission testifies before federal agencies, Congress, and the General Assembly. It also encourages and aids local governments cooperatively to solve common housing problems.

The Commission's eleven members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, or their designees, serve as nonvoting members. Appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, two field office representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also are nonvoting members. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 8-101 through 8-105).

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Patricia Payne, *Director*

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The Division of Finance provides advice and technical support in financial management to the Department's senior program directors and agencies. It develops Departmental budget proposals and projections, maintains fund accounts, and administers financial matters of the Department. Within the Division are three Sections: Audit Policy Analysis; Accounting; and Budget.

DIVISION OF HOUSING FINANCE

The Division of Housing Finance was established in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Division consists of the Community Development Administration. The Division also is served by the Housing Finance Review Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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The Community Development Administration (CDA) was created in 1970 within the Department of Economic and Community Development (Chapter 527, Acts of 1970). In 1987, the Administration became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Administration's mandate is to increase the supply of housing for families of limited income, the elderly, and the handicapped, as well as to foster sound community development and stimulate the construction industry statewide. Programs are funded by the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds, construction loan notes, State general obligation bonds, general funds, and by federal housing subsidies. The Administration is responsible for Homeownership Programs, Rental Housing Programs, Special Loan Programs, Housing Subsidy Programs, Housing Management Programs, and Infrastructure Programs.

Projects proposed for financial assistance must be consistent with local priorities and complement and supplement local community development programs and initiatives. Projects also must meet eligibility criteria and financing requirements (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 2-203 through 2-208).