

abated, and communities required greater expertise to plan development that would enhance, not compromise, the quality of life. In 1987, economic development programs were combined with employment and training programs in the new Department of Economic and Employment Development. At the same time, the Department of Housing and Community Development was formed to oversee the housing and cultural resource components of the former Department of Economic and Community Development, weatherization and community action agencies from the Department of Human Resources, and energy agencies from the Department of Natural Resources (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). In 1991, functions of the Maryland Energy Office were reorganized and transferred to the Maryland Energy Administration, an independent agency.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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The Secretary of Housing and Community Development is chief executive officer of the Department. Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, the Secretary sets policy, promulgates rules and regulations, and determines the strategies to fulfill the Department's mandate. The Secretary is responsible for the budget of the Department and the budgets of the boards, commissions, and offices under its jurisdiction.

The Secretary serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Construction Industry Employers' Advisory Council; the Governor's Commission on Growth in the Chesapeake Region; the Housing Finance Review Committee; the Interagency Committee on Aging Services; the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs; the Governor's Volunteer Council; the Advisory Council on Landlord-Tenant Affairs; the Community Reinvestment Board; the Maryland Housing Resource Corporation; and the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

The Secretary is assisted in administering the Department by the Deputy Secretary. The Deputy Secretary is appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor.

Under the Secretary, Department programs are organized under five divisions: Finance and Administration; Housing Credit Assurance (Maryland Housing Fund); Housing Finance (Community Development Administration); Community Assistance; and Historical and Cultural Programs (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 1-101 through 8-203).

MARYLAND HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION

Vacancy, *Chairperson*

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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 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 fifteen 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. The chairperson and vice-chairperson are designated by the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 8-101 through 8-105).

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS

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The Governor established the Advisory Council on Landlord-Tenant Affairs within the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1990 (Executive Order 01.01.1990.15). Through the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Council advises the Governor on landlord-tenant affairs and informs the Governor about concerns of landlords and tenants regarding State programs, policies, and legislation. The Council also recommends initiatives to promote drug-free environments in rental housing.

The Council consists of seventeen members. Eleven are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. One member is nominated by the Senate President and one by the House Speaker. Four ex officio members include the Secretaries of Housing and Community Development, Human Resources,