

*Department of Housing and Community Development.* 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.

Since 1996, the Department has worked through six divisions: Credit Assurance (Maryland Housing Fund); Development Finance (Community Development Administration); Finance and Administration; Historical and Cultural Programs; Information Technology and Portfolio Management; and Neighborhood Revitalization (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 1-101 through 8-203).

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## 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 chairs the Lead Hazard Advisory Committee and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, and serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice; the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families; the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust; the Housing Finance Review Committee; and the Community Reinvestment Board. The Secretary also serves on the Emergency Management Advisory Council; the State Commission on Neighborhoods; the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission; the Advisory Committee for the Jefferson Patterson Historical Park and Museum; the Maryland Museum of African-American History and Culture Commission; the Interagency Committee on Aging Services; the Interagency Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Committee; and the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs.

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

### MARYLAND HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION

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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).

Annually, the Commission updates the State Housing Plan, assesses its implementation, and issues a housing policy and needs statement for the State. 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 to solve housing problems cooperatively.

The Commission has seventeen members. Fifteen are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor who names the chair and vice-chair. Two are nonvoting, ex officio members (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 8-101 through 8-105).

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## DIVISION OF CREDIT ASSURANCE

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The Division of Credit Assurance started as the Division of Housing Insurance in 1987. It was renamed the Division of Housing Credit Assurance in 1990 (Chapter 321, Acts of 1990) and received its present name in 1996. The Division is responsible for the Maryland Housing Fund and asset management for the multi-family loan portfolio of the Department.