



New York Housing Conference

John Kelly, *Co-Chair*
Carol Lamberg, *Co-Chair*

Judith Calogero, *CEO*

February 25, 2010

Board

Mark Alexander
Peter Alizio
Naomi Bayer
Jerome Belson
Gina Bolden-Rivera
Lloyd W. Brown, II
Charles Brass
James Buckley
Sandra Ruiz Butter
Donald Capoccia
Susan Cole
Gloribel Cruz
Marolyn Davenport
Henry Dubro
Kathleen A. Dunn
Judith A. Engel
Linda Field
William Frey
Charles Gatewood
Mark E. Ginsberg
Gerald Goldstein
Sydelle M. Knepper
Henry D. Lanier
Nicholas LaPorte, Jr.
Michael D. Lappin
Robert O. Lehrman
Frances E. Levenson
Jeffrey E. Levine
Anne H. Lindgren
Kenneth K. Lowenstein
Joseph Margolis
Marvin Markus
Daniel Martin
Ronay Menschel
Felice Michetti
Ron Moelis
Preston C. Moore
Daniel A. Nissenbaum
Harry Oster
Thomas Osterman
Jerilyn Perine
Robert Pincus
Philip R. Pitruzzello
Edwin Reed
Richard J. Roberto
Robert C. Rosenberg
Stephen M. Ross
Msgr. Donald Sakano
Stephen Salup
Denise Scott
Randolph Silverstein
Richard Singer
Martin I. Siroka
Constance Tempel
William W. Traylor
Nancy Wackstein
Adam Weinstein
Alan H. Wiener
Mark A. Willis
Evelyn J. Wolff
Emily Youssouf
Barry Zelikson
Howard Zucker

Secretary Shaun Donovan
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan:

We strongly endorse the New York City Housing Authority's plan to federalize 21 City and State-built developments. The developments need capital funds to repair systems and bring the capital plants up to Authority standards. Furthermore, public housing operating subsidies will assure that the buildings remain affordable to low income families, who have very few opportunities to find suitable housing within their price ranges. It would be a disaster to forgo this funding, allowing further deterioration of an important housing asset for New Yorkers.

This is an excellent use of Recovery Act funding. The New York City Housing Authority will use the funds expeditiously, creating hundreds of jobs while preserving low income housing.

As you know, the New York Housing Conference is composed of nonprofit and for-profit developers, owners, managers, professionals and community leaders who are committed to assuring that affordable, high quality housing is available to all New Yorkers. Federalization of the 21 State and City public housing developments would be an important step in achieving this goal..

Sincerely,

Carol Lamberg
Co-Chair, NYHC