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### **The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers Welcomes Five Housing Influencers to its Board of Directors**

**Washington, D.C.** – Today the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) is pleased to announce several new members to its Board of Directors: **Art Bowen**, VHDA, **Sarah S. Constant**, Mission First Housing Group, **Christopher E. Donald**, District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency (DCHFA), **John R. Maneval**, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (Maryland DHCD) and **Derrick N. Perkins**, Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Each individual brings robust experience as well as fresh insight to the organization's Board of Directors. With these new additions, the Board consists of 20 professionals who represent a wide variety of sectors across the affordable housing industry including banks, nonprofit developers, for profit developers, law firms and government agencies.

#### **Art Bowen**

Art serves as the Managing Director of Rental Housing with the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA). He is responsible for VHDA's \$3.2 billion rental housing line of business including loan underwriting, servicing, compliance and asset management, and LIHTC program management.

#### **Sarah S. Constant**

As the Managing Director of Mission First Housing Group, Sarah has secured over \$285 million in financing and developed over 1,600 units of affordable housing development, primarily in the Baltimore / Washington D.C. Metro area. As the principal relationship manager for Mission First, Sarah establishes and maintains partnerships with developers, non-profit entities and financial institutions in order to create affordable housing.

#### **Christopher E. Donald**

Christopher is the Director of Multifamily Lending and Neighborhood Investments for DCHFA. His primary responsibility is to manage the day-to-day operations of the Multifamily Lending and Neighborhood Investments department and assist the Executive Director with the development of multifamily programs, products, policies and strategic planning. He brings over 15 years of experience in real estate development and finance.

#### **John R. Maneval**

John was appointed CDA Deputy Director at DHCD in May 2015. In this capacity, he oversees the work of over 100 employees charged with providing financing for affordable rental housing, single-family homeownership, special needs housing, energy efficiency initiatives, and small businesses across the State of Maryland.

### **Derrick N. Perkins**

Derrick is a Senior Relationship Manager in Community Development Lending for Bank of America Merrill Lynch. His primary role is to deliver debt and equity and other banking products to affordable housing developers based in suburban Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia and Georgia. His responsibilities also include leading the Bank's national Charter School construction lending efforts.

Maryann Dillon, Executive Director of Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP) and President of the HAND Board stated, "We are so pleased to welcome these outstanding new members to our Board, all who are impressive leaders in their respective fields. We know the new Directors will add depth and knowledge to the slate of thought leaders currently represented on our Board, and we can't wait for them to hit the ground running!"

Twenty-five years ago, a group of dedicated nonprofit housing developers came together in the basement of a small church in Northern Virginia to discuss how to better serve the housing needs of those with low-incomes. Today, the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) is celebrating over a quarter century of providing practitioners with the critical tools needed to achieve the mission of creating and preserving safe, affordable and healthy housing opportunities in strong communities. Many things have changed over the past 25 years, notably solid public and private funding opportunities around affordable housing and community development, the socioeconomic appetite to support the needs of those with low-incomes, and not to mention the housing market itself - however the legacy of HAND members remains the same.

### **HAND Board of Directors**

Maryann Dillon, Housing Initiative Partnership – *President*

Mike Scheurer, Cornerstones – *Immediate Past President*

Raymond A. Skinner, East Baltimore Development, Inc. - *Vice President*

Winell Belfonte, CohnReznick – *Treasurer*

Monica Warren-Jones, Enterprise – *Secretary*

Sasha-Gaye Angus, McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc. – *Director*

Art Bowen, VHDA – *Director*

Sarah S. Constant, Mission First Housing Group – *Director*

Edmund K. Delany, Capital One – *Director*

Christopher E. Donald, District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency – *Director*

Robert A. Goldman, Montgomery Housing Partnership – *Director*

Erik Hoffman, Klein Hornig – *Director*

Nina Janopaul, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing – *Director*

John R. Maneval, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development – *Director*

Shelley Murphy, Wesley Housing – *Director*

Derrick N. Perkins, Bank of America Merrill Lynch – *Director*

J. Michael Pitchford, CPDC – *Director*

Michael A. Schlegel, Bozzuto Construction Company - *Director*

Steve Smith, AHC – *Director*

John D. Spencer, Victory Housing - *Director & Founder*

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*For over 25 years, the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) has served as the only regional membership association dedicated to supporting the community development industry in its efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Through education, engagement and training, HAND builds the capacity of its diverse membership who are all working toward a collective mission to support the development of sustainable communities for people and families at all income levels. HAND was founded on the principle of supporting nonprofit developers and over the course of the organization's history, the*

*membership has evolved to include: For profit real estate developers, service providers, investors, policy analysts, lenders, advocates, accountants, lawyers, architects, engineers, consultants, federal and local government agencies, and students among others. The 350+ members and over 2,000 individuals our programs touch each year, are a prime example of public-private partnership, working for the greater good of the communities we serve.*