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Chicago City Council Confirm Appointments of Chicago Housing Authority Commissioners

CHICAGO – Teamwork, service and tenacity are the history, and likely to be the defining contributions, of Ms. Deverra Beverly, Ms. Myra King, and Ms. M. Bridget Reidy, the three newest Chicago Housing Authority Commissioners.

Earlier this week, Chicago City Council confirmed Mayor Richard M. Daley’s appointment of Beverly, King and Reidy to the Authority’s Board of Commissioners. Daley also reappointed Commissioners Ms. Hallie A. Amey and Ms. Sandra Young, who served on the CHA board since 1999.

They all bring a wealth of life experiences to the post and a host of accolades and awards for their societal contributions.

Beverly, a resident of CHA’s ABLA Development, founded the National Public Housing Museum in 2007 and currently serves as its chair. Beverly has committed her life to improving the living conditions in public housing and was elected to vice chairman of the CHA’s Central Advisory Council (CAC) in 2002 and served as chairman from 2008 – 2009.

Beverly has served as president of ABLA’s Advisory Council for 25 years and has successfully implemented progressive programs for the residents such as job skills training, resume preparation, literacy programs, sex education and substance recovery.

Beverly says that she looks forward to serving as commissioner and anxious to fulfill the vision of the CHA’s Plan for Transformation. “In order to accomplish our goals we as a team should be open, constructive and communicate.”

King, current chair of CHA’s CAC and the President of Trumbull-Lowden Advisory Council (LAC), echoes Beverly’s enthusiasm and believes CHA residents could live better lives by working together and teaming up to get things done, a concept she learned while visiting Israel and observing a system of communal living.

King, who holds a Master’s degree from DePaul University, has committed to a role of service by facilitating working group meetings created as a part of the implementation of the Plan for Transformation. She works with other LAC members to monitor rehabilitation and renovation projects related to the Plan. Her vision is that the experiences of the residents of public housing in Chicago and the Plan for

Transformation's implementation will be models for public housing developments nationwide.

Reidy, Senior Vice President & Chief Supply Officer, Exelon Corporation, served as the chief operating officer of the CHA, from 1999 to 2001, where she led the negotiation, planning, coordination and implementation of the Plan for Transformation.

Reidy, who holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University, is responsible for the Exelon Supply Organization which is comprised of supply operations and sourcing for Commonwealth Edison, the Philadelphia Electric Company and Exelon Generation.

Reidy stated that she was excited to be back and continue the work she started 10 years ago. She believes she can help leaseholders bridge the gap between public housing and mixed income communities by reflecting and building on the concepts discussed at the origination of the Plan. Reidy said she will do whatever she can to develop policies to help public housing residents assimilate into the fabric of Chicago.

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