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NCDCA Elects President and Executive Officers

Washington, DC – The National Community Development Association (NCDCA), the premier membership organization for local government community development professionals, is pleased to announce the selection of George Mensah, City of Miami, FL, as its new President and the following members as executive officers for 2018/2019. The selection of officers was made at the NCDCA 49th annual business meeting on June 16, 2018 in Long Beach, CA.

2018/2019 NCDCA Executive Committee

George Mensah, Miami, FL, President
Dale Cook, Jr., Palm Springs, CA, Vice President
Sheryl Kenny, Arlington, TX, Secretary
Anne Marie Belrose, Boston, MA, Treasurer

“All of the officers bring a wealth of local community development and affordable housing experience and management to NCDCA and all have served on the NCDCA Board of Directors and various subcommittees. I look forward to working with our new President and the Executive Committee to advance the work of NCDCA in the coming year; to promote our core programs, increase membership and expand the voice of NCDCA nationally,” said Vicki Watson, NCDCA’s Executive Director.

The executive officers are recommended through the NCDCA Nominations and Elections Committee, a council of their peers, and approved by the NCDCA membership. It is quite an honor to serve on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is the leadership arm of the Board of Directors and monitors the activities and financial functions of the Association.

George Mensah, NCDCA’s newly elected President, is the Director of the City of Miami’s Community & Economic Development Department. The Department oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program and the Section 8 Program (vouchers and moderate rehabilitation). Mr. Mensah has worked in the housing sector for three decades and prior to joining the City, worked for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and Neighborhood Housing Services in New York City. “It is an honor to be the President of NCDCA for the 2018-2019 year and I look forward to continuing the work NCDCA has done for the last 49 years. While our different communities grapple with tough issues including poverty and homelessness, housing affordability and economic inequality, working together collectively allows us to have a strong, unified voice in Washington, DC, advocating for community development programs that have helped the countries most vulnerable populations for decades,” said George Mensah, NCDCA’s newly elected President.

ABOUT NCDCA

NCDCA is a non-partisan, national non-profit member-based organization that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing

programs, principally the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, HUD's homelessness assistance programs and HUD's economic development programs. NCDA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally-responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.