



Press Release

NCDA Elects 2021-2022 Officers

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The National Community Development Association (NCDA) announced today new officers for the 2021/2022 year. Anne Marie Belrose, Assistant Director, Department of Neighborhood Development, at the City of Boston, MA will assume the role of President and will lead NCDA for the next year. Ms. Belrose has extensive experience in mission-driven public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

Debra Rhinehart, Strategic Advisor with the City of Seattle, WA Department of Human Services, will serve as Vice President. Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator for the City of McKinney, TX will serve as Secretary, and Marcy Esbjerg, Community Development Director for Pasco County, FL will serve as Treasurer.

Together the new officers comprise the Executive Committee. The executive officers are recommended through the NCDA Nominations and Elections Committee, a council of their peers, and approved by the NCDA 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.

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

ABOUT NCDA

NCDA represents nearly 500 local government agencies that administer federally supported community development and affordable housing programs, principally the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Homeless Assistance funding. 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, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.

