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### **BRIEF BIO: ELEANOR G. WHITE**

Eleanor White has worked in the field of affordable housing since 1967, including (from 1983-1995) as Co-CEO of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (now MassHousing), directing all activities of this multi-billion dollar quasi-public lending institution. Before MHFA, Ms. White held a variety of positions at the U.S. Department of HUD from 1967-1983. Currently, Ms. White is President/CEO of Housing Partners, Inc., a national housing consulting firm she formed in 1995 with Marvin Siflinger. Housing Partners works with a wide range of public, nonprofit, and private-sector clients on topics relating to housing development, housing policy and strategic planning, preservation, organizational development, issues relating to diversity, and most recently 40R Smart Growth Zoning.

Ms. White holds an A.B. *cum laude* from Harvard/Radcliffe College, 1967; a Master of Public Administration from Northeastern University, 1975; and was a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 1978-79.

Ms. White has served and is serving on numerous boards of directors, including the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation, the Harvard Alumni Association, the Rental Housing Association, and MassALFA (the assisted living association). Ms. White has served as President of the Mass. Association for Mental Health and Chairman of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board. She is a past President of Citizens Housing and Planning Association, and is currently a co-Chair of the Commonwealth Housing Task Force, Vice President of B'nai B'rith Housing New England, and board member of the American Jewish Committee Boston Chapter. She has won many awards for excellence in programs of affordable housing and diversity, as well as for her far-reaching contributions to the community, and has lectured at MIT, Tufts University, the University of Massachusetts, and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was appointed by Boston Mayor Menino to his Housing Advisory Group, and was Chair of the Boston Foundation's Housing/Economic Development Policy Committee. She is a member of the founding board of the School of Public Policy at Northeastern University, and was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick as Chair of the Multifamily Housing Advisory Committee of MassHousing. She has served as the Honorary Chair of the American Women's Club of Oslo, Norway; and as Honorary Chair of the Board of the Oslo Children's Museum. In 2013, she became a Senior Advisor to Hub Holdings, LLC.

In 2000, Ms. White received a National Diversity Award and the Boston Foundation Civic Achievement Award, in 2006 she received the achievement award from HomeStart, in 2007 she was inducted into the Academy of Women Achievers by the Boston YWCA, and received a Paul Ylvisaker Award for Public Policy Engagement in 2009. She and her husband received the Community Service Award from the American Jewish Committee in 2005. In 2007-2008, Ms. White served on the Housing Policy and Urban Policy Committees advising the Barack Obama campaign for President and served on the Obama National Finance Committee. Ms. White was selected as one of 10 leaders worldwide to participate in the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Exchange in Hamburg and Berlin, Germany in May, 2010. In 2010, she received the Founders' Award of the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Institute for Real Estate Management in Boston.

Ms. White is a long-term resident of Newton, MA; she lived in (and telecommuted from) Oslo, Norway from 2009-2013, where her husband served as U.S. Ambassador to Norway. She grew to love the Norwegian nature, culture and people, and feels at home on both sides of the North Atlantic! Married since 1967, she and her husband Barry are the parents of three sons and have two granddaughters.