

Biography (750 characters)

I was raised in Brookline and have almost 40 years' affordable housing experience. I have worked on permanent housing for teenage mothers, LGBTQIA+ senior supportive housing and veterans housing. I know grants, funding, and collaborate with municipalities, investors, lenders, not for profits, housing authorities, management companies and residents. Today I have a 25-year-old women owned and run WBE/DBE business focused on affordable housing development, preservation, and asset management. I serve(d) on the Boards of Second Step, Newton Housing Partnership, CHAPA Housing Production and Preservation Committee and CREW Boston. A past volunteer at the Brookline Food Pantry. I have been a mentor to many women. I hold an MBA from Babson College.

As a BHA Commissioner, how would you ensure that the voices and needs of BHA residents (900 characters)

This is personal for me. I have family members in public housing. I will listen carefully to all BHA residents, and I will put my skills to work for the BHA. The BHA administers 1,500 rental payment vouchers and manages 1,000 units of affordable elderly, veterans, disabled and family housing. The BHA needs to raise funds to pay for capital improvements, to add more housing units and to increase resident services. The BHA also needs to complete the Colonel Floyd, Juniper and High Street developments. My professional experience is critical to raise capital, negotiate contracts and manage tenant relocation. I offer 40 years of experience to deliver on vital housing concerns, to bridge the gap between residents, the board and management, and to make the money work. I have been endorsed by the Massachusetts Housing Coalition, Brookline by Design and Brookline PAX.