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Distinguished Community Development Executive Joins Home Forward Board

PORTLAND, OR – July 1, 2014 – Dan Anderson, a retired executive from Bank of America’s national community development financial practice, has joined Home Forward’s board of commissioners. Anderson holds a City of Portland seat on the nine-member volunteer commission.

During his tenure, Anderson also oversaw Bank of America’s public housing practice and served on several federal commissions related to public housing policy, including the Millennial Housing Commission. Under his leadership, the bank’s community development practice focused on leveraging public sector capital with private debt and equity capital to produce sustainable developments that were a model of smart growth. He worked with Home Forward on two of its HOPE VI redevelopments, New Columbia and Humboldt Gardens, as well as many other developments, before retiring from Bank of America in 2005.

Anderson continues his involvement in development that benefits local communities as a member of the Oregon Private Activity Bond Committee. He recently completed two terms on the City of Portland Adjustment Committee, a quasi-judicial body involved in land-use decision making.

“We are very fortunate to have someone with Dan’s background in affordable housing finance and public policy at the federal, state, and local levels join us,” said David Widmark, chair of Home Forward’s board. “He has been a strong force in creating affordable housing nationwide, helping organizations like Home Forward find solutions to the challenges our operating environment presents.”

Anderson said he welcomed the opportunity to help Home Forward continue to innovate in pursuit of its mission. “Serving on the board allows me to stay involved in the continued, constructive evolution of housing authorities. The Northwest has some of the best housing authorities in the country, and I look forward to working even more closely with one of them,” he said.

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Earlier in his career, Anderson worked for two urban school districts in curriculum development and was an electronics technician for the City of Eugene, where he served as an officer of his local union, including a term as president. He earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Oregon.

About Home Forward

Home Forward is dedicated to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for individuals and families who are challenged by income, disability, or special need. A public corporation, Home Forward serves all of Multnomah County, including the cities of Gresham, Fairview, and Troutdale and other East County communities.

Home Forward's Mission

The mission of Home Forward is to assure that the people of the community are sheltered. Home Forward has a special responsibility to those who encounter barriers to housing because of income, disability or special need.

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