DENVER
MAYOR'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM – DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO:	**City Council**
FROM:	**Office of Boards & Commissions**
DATE:	**September 13, 2024**
PURPOSE:	**Appointments for Denver Housing Authority**
PROCESS:	**City Council Confirmation**

Staff Liaison:
Joaquin Cintron Vega (DHA)

CURRENT BOARD STATUS
Scope of Board/Commission: THE AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING, MANAGING AND MAINTAINING LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECTS FOR FAMILIES OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME. ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints all members and City Council confirms, 9 members for a term of 5 years.

Appointment Candidates:

Catherine Toner

Bio: Catherine is Managing Director of Impact Investing at Gary Community Ventures, a hybrid family office and private foundation in Denver, Colorado. At Gary, Catherine leads portfolio and product structuring for the organization's family economic mobility outcome area, with a focus on housing finance innovation, community and employee ownership, and the future of work. She also led the structuring of The Dearfield Fund for Black Wealth, a fund launched by Gary to close the racial wealth gap by increasing access to Black homeownership in Denver.

Prior to Gary, Catherine worked at BofA Merrill Lynch in its Consumer & Retail Investment Banking group. She joined BofA Merrill after graduating from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Before to business school, she spent five years at Arabella Advisors, where she helped establish and grow the firm's impact investing practice, advising philanthropists on sourcing, due diligence and structuring of private equity and debt impact investments.

Term: 10/01/2024 - 9/30/2029 or until a successor is duly appointed.

Charlie Knight

Bio: Charlie joined Milgrom & Daskam in 2020 and focuses on serving entrepreneurs, nonprofits and growth companies from ideation and formation to early and later stage capitalization through mergers and acquisition. His expertise includes companies focused on technology, general business, and real estate, including affordable housing and new market tax credit development and financing. He also focuses on business transition and succession planning for small to mid-size organizations.

Most recently, Charlie was general counsel of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. Previously, he was the founder of Venture Law Advisors, LLC, a law firm focused on emerging Colorado and California enterprises. He has served as a co-founder, CEO, CFO and General Counsel of private and public companies engaged in renewable energy development, medical device manufacturing, real estate acquisition and development, and retail and wholesale product distribution. Charlie has practiced corporate securities law in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and New York City.

Charlie is passionate about leadership development, innovation and community engagement and serves as an adjunct professor at the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, where he taught classes on entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation and career strategy. Charlie is also a board member of Urban Peak, a Denver-based nonprofit providing essential services to youth who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

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CURRENT BOARD	TERM END DATE
Melinda Pollack	07-20-26
Maria Sepulveda	07-20-26
Fernando Sergio Ferrufino	07-20-26
Charles Gilford III	07-20-27
Melanie Lewis Dickerson	03-31-29
Craig Allen	07-20-29