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ALICE KENNEDY

Baltimore City Housing Commissioner



Alice Kennedy is the Baltimore City Housing Commissioner. With over a decade of experience with the City of Baltimore, Kennedy has cultivated expertise in planning and development, project management, operations, real estate, sustainability, and strategic planning. During her tenure as Deputy Commissioner, she championed innovative solutions to enhance resident services and coordinated best practices across multiple initiatives.

A key partner in the Mayor's Vacancy Reduction Initiative, she has spearheaded efforts to streamline property disposition, introduce a Fixed Pricing Program, and expand the acquisition of vacant properties through In Rem foreclosure. Kennedy remains dedicated to advancing lead hazard reduction efforts and emphasizes the critical intersection of health and housing within community development.

Victor Akinagbe is the Director of Rebirth Development, a minority impact development group focused on the restoration of blighted homes in disenfranchised communities. Rebirth Development accomplishes this goal focusing on working with the community, and working at designated areas to drive permanent change. Rebirth Development has restored over 100 homes mostly on the West Side of Baltimore City and will continue until the work is no longer necessary. Rebirth Development has been in existence for over 5 years and has worked with a myriad of Public/Private partners and Community Organizations. Because of the scale of the problem, partnerships are critical in order to help achieve success. Akinagbe went to Coppin State University in 2000, before graduating from University of Maryland.



VICTOR AKINAGBE

Director of Rebirth Development



DEAN HARRISON

President & CEO of Harrison Development



Dean Harrison is the President and CEO of Harrison Development, LLC, where he leads the company's strategic vision and operations. With over two decades of experience in real estate development, Dean has successfully managed transformative projects such as Ashland Commons, Parkview at Ashland Terrace, and the Uplands community. His work emphasizes collaboration with city agencies, community organizations, and industry professionals to create high-quality housing and foster neighborhood revitalization. Under his leadership, Harrison Development has contributed significantly to Baltimore's growth, including the historic Upton Gateway project, which brings affordable homeownership opportunities to West Baltimore.