

## CHIEF OF PROGRAM & FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

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Duane Hopkins joined the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) in February 2021 as Chief Officer of Program and Finance Administration. Reporting to the CEO, he leads the agency's finance, procurement, information technology, asset management and risk management departments. He also oversees the Project Based Contract Administration program serving over 43,000 families in Northern California.

Mr. Hopkins has been a senior financial executive for over 30 years in the banking and affordable housing sectors. Prior to joining OHA, he was the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Executive Director for Housing Catalyst, the housing authority for the City of Fort Collins, Colorado. At Housing Catalyst he helped drive the development of over 650 units of new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation projects for the organization utilizing mixed-finance Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and conventional financing including three Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversions during his tenure in addition to moving two Section 18 disposition transactions forward. Duane also oversaw the process for the organization to obtain an investment grade credit rating from Standard and Poor's.

Duane is a recognized national leader in the affordable housing industry through his work within the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). He has served as the Chair of the National Professional Development Committee (2015-17) where he was instrumental in the birth and development of a broad-based financial manager training curriculum and was elected the President of the Mountain Plains Region (2017-19). Duane has also been influential as a member of the National NAHRO Board of Governors, National Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and is the current Chair of the National Budget and Administration Committee.

Mr. Hopkins is a Board Member of the Housing Authority Insurance Group (HAI Group) which provides property and liability insurance for over 1,100 public housing authorities across the nation. He also serves as Chair of the Finance Committee, Vice-Chair of the Insurance Solutions Committee and is a member of both the Audit Committee and the Investment Sub-Committee for the organization.

Duane also serves as an officer of the Local Housing Administrators Coalition (LHAC), which is a national advocacy organization for Project Based Contract Administrator organizations (PBCAs). LHAC members serve 6 of the nation's 8 most populous states and act as PBCAs representing nearly 40% of the 1.3 million project based rental assistant units nationwide under that HUD Multi-Family program.

Duane is a Certified Management Executive in affordable housing and holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Fort Hays State University. He is also a graduate of the Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives at Harvard Law School and the Senior Executive Fellows program at the Harvard Kennedy School.



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