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TO: Board of Governors

FROM: John Bohm, Acting CEO

SUBJECT: **BOG TRANSMITTAL – 2017 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS**

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The new leadership in Congress, at HUD and at the White House has inspired greater member engagement, so I am pleased to report that more than 850 industry professionals will participate in the conference. As previously announced, HUD Secretary Ben Carson has accepted our invitation to address the conference during the opening plenary session on Monday, March 27-- 8:00 – 10:15 a.m. I know that I speak for all of NAHRO when I say that we are anxious to hear the Secretary's vision for the Department during his tenure.

Attached is a formatted draft of NAHRO's 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda. This document builds on our previous Transition 2017, Legislative and Regulatory Year in Review-2016, and Priorities for the New Congress documents. The 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda provides specific priorities and NAHRO positions that will guide the NAHRO legislative and regulatory roadmap for the coming year. Please read the attached document and feel free to use it to develop and coordinate your agency, local, county, state and regional legislative and regulatory advocacy plans for 2017.

Please do not share this draft version of the 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda. We will release the final version on March 21 on the NAHRO website and distribute paper copies to all attendees at the 2017 Washington Conference

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COMMITTEE DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 25

We invite all leadership to join us for the “NAHRO President and CEO Welcome/Conference Overview” at 7:30 a.m., in Salon C-E, Grand Ballroom, on the first floor. We will begin committee day earlier this time. The early start time provides the flexibility necessary to hold all committees, task forces and ad hoc group meetings on the same day. Board members are encouraged to attend meetings of their choice. Visit the NAHRO website for committee agendas and background information: <http://www.nahro.org/national-standings>.

POTENTIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Housing Committee

- Operating Reserves
- Deflation of Operating Fund Eligibility
- Fungibility Between HAP and Administrative Fees in Housing Choice Voucher Program

Board of Ethics and Credentialing Trustees (BECT)

- Revisions to the Rules of Procedure for the NAHRO Code of Professional Conduct*
- Revisions to the BECT By-laws*

Member Services Committee

- Changes to the Emerging Leaders Award
- Amendments to SWRC by-laws
- 2019 Summer Conference Site
- National scholarship to benefit Housing America

Strategic Planning Advisory Group

- Recommendations from its Diversity Task Force

Budget & Administration Committee

- 2017 Revised Budget

CEO Search Committee

- Recommendation

*Background information provided.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING: SUNDAY MARCH 26 – 7:45 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
SALON I-II: ARLINGTON BALLROOM, FIRST FLOOR**

The preliminary agenda is attached and posted online. As previously communicated, the final agenda, which will include consent and discussion items will be posted on the BOG webpage Saturday by 8 p.m. At this conference, there be no central place for you to pick up the final agenda. If you are unable to access the agenda online, President Merritt encourages all Board members to arrive at the meeting room by 7:45 a.m., 45 minutes before the 8:30 a.m. meeting start time to receive a hard copy. You will have ample time to examine thoroughly the final agenda and enjoy continental breakfast.

I will present a brief verbal report at the meeting and send a detailed written report after the conference.

On behalf of the entire NAHRO staff, thank you for your leadership and your commitment to join us for the 2017 Washington Conference. We look forward to the work that we will do together to address critical industry needs and issues.

Travel safely.