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**National Community Development Association Announces 2016/2017 Slate of Officers**

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Community Development Association (NCDCA) is pleased to put forth the following Slate of Officers for 2016/2017 who will serve as NCDCA’s Executive Committee.

President: Bonnie Moore (Shreveport, LA)  
Vice-President: Patrick Sullivan, Sr. (New Bedford, MA)  
Secretary: George Mensah (Miami, FL)  
Treasurer: Dale Cook (Palm Springs, CA)  
Immediate Past President: Michael Look (Seattle, WA)

“All of the officers embody the spirit of community and bring years of management expertise to the table,” Vicki Watson, Executive Director

Michael Look is the Community Development Block Grant Administrator with the Human Services Department in the City of Seattle, WA and has led the Association for nearly two years as the President. Michael will serve as the Immediate Past President. Under Michael’s leadership, the Association has witnessed new management and new growth. Michael has been involved with NCDCA since 2006.

Bonnie Moore is the Community Development Director with the City of Shreveport, LA and will now serve as NCDCA’s President for 2016/2017. The President is responsible for leading the Association, monitoring overall activities, and appointing ad hoc and standing committees, as needed. Bonnie brings dedication and expertise to the role.

Patrick Sullivan, Sr. is the Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development Department for the City of New Bedford, MA and will move up to the position of Vice-President. Patrick has been a committed member for over 20 years and brings that same level of commitment to the Executive Committee.

George Mensah is the Director of the Community and Economic Development Department with the City of Miami, FL and will move into the position of Secretary. George’s financial expertise as Treasurer has helped guide NCDCA over the past year.

Dale Cook, Jr. is the Community Development Administrator with the Community and Economic Development Department in Palm Springs, CA and will serve as Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring the financial functions of the Association. Dale brings passion and knowledge to the position. Dale has been involved with NCDCA for the past 16 years through the City of Palm Springs and previously served on the Board of Directors in 2000-2001 for NCDCA Region 5 while employed with the City of East St. Louis, IL.

The Slate of Officers was selected by the Nominations and Elections Committee composed of community development professionals from around the country. The candidates have agreed to serve subject to the elections

on June 24, 2016. The new leaders will take office immediately upon election.

*NCDA is a non-partisan, national non-profit membership-based organization that represents local government departments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development and affordable housing programs. NCDA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high quality, locally-responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live and work, particularly for low- and moderate-income people.*