



Corpus Christi



**NCDA
2001
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

OMNI BAYFRONT HOTEL
MAY 23-26, 2001

*Continuing the
Commitment to
Investing in Cities*



Dear Colleagues:

This year brings to the nation a new Congress and a new Presidency. It also brings with it new opportunities to forward the Association's goals for improving the lives of our low- and moderate-income citizens. As we prepare to work in this new environment, we must remember and focus on our successes of previous years, which could not have been accomplished without our affiliate organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

At the Board's direction, the staff has continued to work more closely with our affiliate organizations to forward the Association's goals. During the Winter Meeting, four mayors and their Community Development Directors participated in a session designed to alert the membership of the importance of the Mayoral/CD Director relationship. To that end, at this year's Annual Conference there will be another session with a group of mayors and their CD Directors to discuss how the three associations can ensure that community development and housing issues are a priority for the new Presidency and Congress.

The FY 2001 budget was extremely good for cities, particularly for community development and housing departments. With your assistance, NCDA and its partners got one of the best HUD budgets ever. Overall, HUD received \$34.6 billion, with \$5.057 billion in CDBG and \$1.8 billion in HOME. Homeless programs received \$1.02 billion. We could not have had the impact without your full support. As we all know, our work is never done. Now, we need your help on the FY 2002 budget, and, with our list of legislative and regulatory priorities, we will be calling on you more often.

During NCDA's Winter Meeting, based on the recommendations from the Community Development, Housing and Economic Development Committees the Board of Directors approved the following list of legislative and regulatory priorities that the staff will focus their efforts for the balance of the year.

LEGISLATIVE

- Increasing CDBG and HOME funding: \$6 Billion in CDBG and \$2 Billion in HOME.
- Increasing Homeless Assistance programs funding: \$1.2 Billion.
- Consolidating HUD's McKinney Act programs into a formula-allocated block grant.
- Permanently transfer the Shelter Plus Care (SPC) renewals into the Section 8 account line, or create a permanent, separate account fund SPC renewals.
- A separate funding source for Lead-based Paint Removal Costs.
- A New Affordable Housing Production Program: \$2 billion.
- Work with Congress and HUD to make member-recommended statutory and regulatory changes to the HOME program.
- Support a statutory amendment to the CDBG program that requires technical assistance funds similar to what is required under the HOME program.

REGULATORY

- Support member-recommended improvements to the existing Lead-based Paint Rule.
- Establish a subcommittee to re-evaluate the CDBG formula.

Please join us in Corpus Christi, with our hosts Tom Utter, Norbert Hart, Joanne Dominguez and their Mayor, the Honorable Sam Neal, who will not only show a Texas-style good time, but will provide an opportunity to discuss the future of community development and how the Association's efforts can impact the nation's new leadership.

This conference agenda has been designed with sessions that will provide good and useful information, insightful tidbits on impending legislation, and a hint of the FY 2002 budget. And, this year we will hold two days of pre-conference workshops, which you won't want to miss.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David S. Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David Thompson
President

Registration Information

To register, please complete the attached form and send it to the National Community Development Association, 522 21st Street, N.W., Suite 120, Washington, D.C. 20006. Should you need to cancel, please notify NCDA by April 30, 2001. A cancellation fee of \$50 will be assessed if notification is received April 16 - 30, 2001. There will be no refund after April 30th. To register online, access NCDA's website at www.ncdaonline.org. Please make all payments payable to NCDA.

FEES*

The Conference fee is:

- \$400 for NCDA members
- \$450 for Non-Members

(Group discounts are available. For two persons attending from any single community, each person receives a \$25 discount. For three or more persons, each person is awarded a \$50 discount.)

*See Registration Form for registration fees for Pre-Conference Workshops. Please check the appropriate box on the form if you plan to attend one of the workshops.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

NCDA has secured a block of rooms at the Omni Bayfront Hotel, the conference site. The hotel is located at 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas. The hotel will hold this block exclusively for conference registrants through May 1, 2001. Reservations received after this date will be subject to room availability at the group rate.

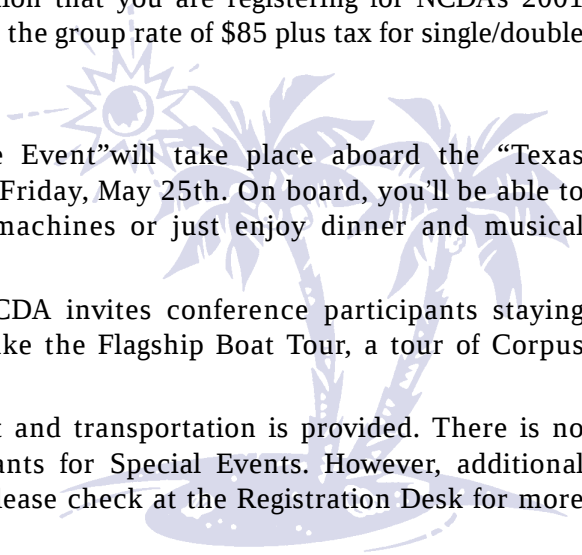
To make your reservations at the Omni Bayfront Hotel, call 1-800-THE-OMNI (843-6664). Be sure to mention that you are registering for NCDA's 2001 Annual Conference to receive the group rate of \$85 plus tax for single/double occupancy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NCDA's Special Conference Event will take place aboard the "Texas Treasure Casino Cruise" on Friday, May 25th. On board, you'll be able to try your luck on the slot machines or just enjoy dinner and musical entertainment.

On Saturday, May 26th, NCDA invites conference participants staying over in Corpus Christi to take the Flagship Boat Tour, a tour of Corpus Christi's bay and harbor.

Each event requires a ticket and transportation is provided. There is no cost to conference participants for Special Events. However, additional tickets may be purchased. Please check at the Registration Desk for more information.



2001 NCDA Annual Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Title _____

Agency/Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

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I will be participating in the following workshops and/or special events:

Registration fee

☐ CDBG Basics (5/22) **\$100 per person**

☐ Section 108 Training (5/22) **\$130 per person**

☐ HOME Refresher Course (5/23) **Free of Charge**

☐ Texas Treasure (5/25) _____ # of Tickets

☐ Water Taxi (5/26) _____ # of Tickets

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