



NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

**2002
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

June 12 - 15, 2002

**Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island**



Dear NCDA Members:

I warmly welcome you, all the members of the National Community Development Association, and their families to the City of Providence for NCDA's 2002 Annual Conference this coming June. In honor of your arrival, we will present a special Waterfire festival in conjunction with your opening reception, and your events and workshops will take place at our finest establishments.

Our world-class symphony orchestra, opera company and repertory theatre, a bustling Arts & Entertainment District, the state's banking and financial center, and every one of our major educational institutions, all make Providence extraordinarily attractive to an organization with the idea of community development at its heart. Add to this our proximity to the refurbished T.F. Green Airport; a \$32 million passenger train station and Acela Train service; a revitalized waterfront district; Providence Place and the planned Heritage Harbor Museum, and award-winning restaurants praised by no less an authority than Julia Child, and you have a picture of an urban family-friendly center with unlimited potential.

Numerous awards ranging from The City Livability Award of the US Conference of Mayors, to our distinction as the "Best City in the East" by *Money* magazine, the "Best Place to Live for Artists" by *Swing* magazine, and one of America's "Top Renaissance Cities" by *USA Today*, clearly indicate the depth and richness of Providence. This is the city to which I enthusiastically welcome all members and families involved with the National Community Development Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Vincent A. Cianci, Jr." The signature is stylized and fluid.

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to Providence and NCDA's 2002 Annual Conference!

As President of the National Community Development Association, it is my pleasure to preside over the 2002 NCDA Annual Conference, this year being held in the beautiful City of Providence, Rhode Island. Looking at the agenda, it appears that our host has been very busy in designing a program that will highlight the best the city has to offer of its community development and housing programs as well as other very interesting aspects of Providence. I am especially looking forward to the trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

This conference is extremely important given that federal funding and programs are not keeping pace with the community and economic development needs confronting our member governments across the country. As you are aware, in FY 2002 the CDBG program took a \$60 million cut to the formula allocation. This is the first cut to the formula in over a decade. With more entitlement communities sharing shrinking resources, cities will be even more hard pressed to address the critical needs of lower income persons around the nation. In most cases, CDBG is the only source of non-general fund revenue available for community development activities. As we come together in Providence, we must act concisely and cohesively to stop the cuts to the CDBG program, because as you all know, it works. Lets keep it working!!!

There are many exciting sessions at this conference that will inform you of initiatives that can help fill the gap being created at the national level. You can also learn first hand about the great work our host city has done in revitalizing its downtown and how the performing arts community have played a pivotal role in the successes.

On behalf of Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., the Providence Community Development Department, and the NCDA Board and staff, we invite you to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn, network, and (to a certain extent) relax and enjoy yourself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Hoover". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "G" and "H".

Greg Hoover, NCDA President

Program At-A-Glance

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Registration
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop* <i>CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners</i>

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2002

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners</i>
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners</i>
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration & Information
10:30 AM-12:00 NOON	Housing Committee Meeting
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)
1:00 - 2:30 PM	Community Development Committee Meeting
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Membership Committee Meeting
3:30- 5:30 PM	Orientation Tour of Providence
7:00 PM	Opening Reception <i>Bella Vista</i>
8:40 PM	<i>Special NCDA Waterfire Festival</i>

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2002

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Registration & Information
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Opening Session: <i>Welcome to Providence - Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.</i>
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions HOUSING WORKSHOPS <i>o CHDO Management</i> <i>o Tax Credits and CDCs</i> <i>o Lead Program Innovations</i>
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting <i>Mediterraneo Restaurant</i>

2:00 - 5:30 PM

City Presentations (*box lunch provided*)

- o South Side/Broad Street – Bus (DPD)*
- o Downtown Development -walking (DPD)*
- o 3 Cities – Bus/Boat (DPD)*

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Evening at the Roger Williams Park Zoo

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2002

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Registration & Information

9:00 - 10:30 AM

HUD Briefings

10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

Concurrent Sessions

LOCAL PRACTITIONER SESSIONS

- o Managing the Process*
- o Neighborhood Strategic Areas*
- o Timeliness Issues*

12:00 - 1:30 PM

**John Sasso Community Development
Week Awards Luncheon**

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

- o 108 Innovations*
- o CDBG and the Arts*
- o Small Business Initiatives*

6:00 PM

Special Conference Event:

Bay Queen Dinner Cruise

(Ticket required, includestransportation to Warren)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2002

10:00AM - 12:00 NOON

**Closing Brunch/
Annual Business Meeting**

12:00 NOON

Adjournment

*Individuals attending the “CDBG Basics: Training for Practitioners” course, please click on Pre-Conference Workshop for Agenda and Registration Form when registering online.

**Please note that the Hospitality Suite will be open on the evenings of Wednesday - Friday after conference events.

REGISTRATION

To register, complete the adjacent form and send it to:

**National Community Development
Association (NCDA)**

**522 21st Street, N.W., Suite 120
Washington, DC 20006**

Registration must be paid for by check and should be made payable to the National Community Development Association (NCDA). Should you need to cancel, please mail, fax (202-887-5546), or e-mail (ncda@ncdaonline.org) your cancellation to NCDA by **MAY 10, 2002**. A cancellation fee of \$50 will be assessed if cancellation notification is not received by the above date. To register online, access NCDA's website at www.ncdaonline.org.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

NCDA has secured a block of rooms at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, the conference site. The hotel is located at Kennedy Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island. The hotel will hold this block exclusively for conference registrants through **May 10, 2002**. Reservations received after this date will be subject to room availability at the group rate.

To make your reservations at the Providence Biltmore, call **1-800-294-7709 or 401-421-0700**. To receive the group rate for accommodations of \$135 single and double occupancy, please inform the sale representative that you are registering for the NCDA Annual Conference. All rates are subject to the State of Rhode Island taxes.

2002 NCDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Form

Name_____

Title_____

Agency/Organization_____

Address_____

City/State/ Zip_____

Telephone_____

Fax_____

E-mail_____

General Registration Fees

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. If registration is received:

<u>Conference Fee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Before May 17, 2002	\$400	\$450
After May 17, 2002	\$450	\$475
*CDBG Basics	\$100	\$100
Total Payment	\$_____	\$_____

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This is my first NCDA Annual Conference

I will be participating in the following Social Events on Saturday:

_____ Golf Tournament (reservation required)

_____ Greyline Bus trip to Newport (# of tickets _____)

_____ Foxwood Casino (reservation required)