



A Message from Ramsay Weit, Executive Director

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All,

After managing the Community Housing Fund in Washington County for eleven years, I've decided it's time to retire at age 68, and I'll be leaving in mid-September. A hiring process is underway, and the job announcement is posted on our website.

Everything is in fine shape at the Fund. Our board has been fully engaged in transition planning over the past year and has recently approved our new three-year strategic plan (www.thecommunityhousingfund.org), setting clear direction and goals for the new executive director. Our net assets are the largest to date, at approximately \$3 million, and there are operating reserves to ensure a financially smooth transition.

I've been extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to establish and work in partnership with an extensive network of public and private colleagues in Washington County over the years, all invested in providing more housing choices for working families, seniors, and those living on fixed incomes. I'm proud of the tangible outcomes of our collective work, creating or preserving over 1,000 units and raising more than \$4 million to capitalize the loan fund.

Equally, if not more importantly, I'm proud of the intangible successes we've had together in raising awareness countywide of the role affordable housing plays in building inclusive communities – ensuring kids have productive school experiences and helping workers keep their jobs by providing them a safe place to go home to.

As a certified policy wonk and political operative, I still intend to play some role in the affordable housing community where needed, just without the label of executive director. I've spent too many years in the fray to simply walk away. I plan to continue my current committee work and maybe take on a project here or there down the road.

It would be impossible to thank each of you individually for your support and friendship over the past 11 years, but know that I am grateful for your commitment to creating opportunities for the most vulnerable in our community who may not be able to speak for themselves. For me, that is the unfinished business that remains for all of us to address in a meaningful way.

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