



## News Release

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### Charlene Mashia Joins Home Forward Board

*Financial Expert Lived in the Agency's Public Housing as a Child and Wants to Give Back*

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Charlene Mashia has been appointed to Home Forward's Board of Commissioners. She holds a Multnomah County seat on the board, replacing Lee E. Moore, Sr., who retired from the board after 12 years of service.

Mashia brings a diverse financial background to the agency. She is the principal of Charlene Mashia CPA, with expertise in tax, audit, budgeting, business technology and entrepreneurship. Her 20 years of experience with Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, and non-profits includes working for NIKE, Pacificorp, and Coopers & Lybrand (now Pricewaterhouse Coopers). She holds a bachelor's in accounting from the University of Portland and a master's in taxation from Portland State University.

Mashia experienced Home Forward's programs as a child living in two Home Forward public housing communities, Columbia Villa (now New Columbia) and Hillsdale Terrace (now Stephens Creek Crossing). "This gives me a unique perspective as we consider policies that affect thousands of people in our community," she said. "I know firsthand how these programs can help people move ahead in their lives, because that's just what I did."

She said her board service was "an opportunity to give back to the organization and the community that helped me early in life."

#### About Home Forward

Home Forward (the new name for the Housing Authority of Portland) is dedicated to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing for individuals and families who are challenged by income, disability, or special need. A public corporation, Home Forward serves all of Multnomah County, including the cities of Gresham, Fairview, and Troutdale and other East County communities.

#### Home Forward's Mission

The mission of Home Forward is to assure that the people of the community are sheltered. Home Forward has a special responsibility to those who encounter barriers to housing because of income, disability or special need.

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