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**Robert M. Rozen Named Chair of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing,  
New Board Broadens Representation**

Arlington, VA (January 22, 2014) – Robert M. Rozen, Principal with Washington Council Ernst & Young, was unanimously named Chair of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) commencing January 1, 2014. Three new Board members, Michael Geary, Geary O’Hara Family Foundation; Cecilia Cassidy, Rosslyn Business Improvement District (retired); and Patricia McGrady, long-time housing advocate, were unanimously elected each for a three-year term.

“We are fortunate to have Bobby’s leadership, knowledge of the complexities of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financing, familiarity with the Arlington community and deep commitment to affordable housing during a time of tremendous growth for APAH. Our new Board members further strengthen our ties to our residents and the Arlington community.” said Nina Janopaul, APAH President/CEO.

“I look forward to continuing to work with APAH and collaborating with our partners in local government and area nonprofits to explore innovative ways to increase the amount of committed affordable housing in Arlington that is vital to economic growth and the vibrant diversity of our community,” Rozen said.

At Washington Council Ernst & Young, a consulting firm that provides advocacy services to clients, Mr. Rozen works on a variety of legislative matters and specializes in general tax issues for a variety of corporate, association and nonprofit clients.

Mr. Rozen worked for many years in the U.S. Senate and was involved in the establishment of the LIHTC program which is the primary means of financing affordable housing development in Arlington and across the country. For his many years of work in and out of government in support of the LIHTC Program, Mr. Rozen was selected as one of the five original members of the Affordable Housing Hall of Fame by *Affordable Housing Finance Magazine*.

Mr. Rozen is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio), received a J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School and a Master's of Law in Taxation from Georgetown University Law School. He is a 32-year Arlington resident.

Three new Board members increase APAH's resident representation on the Board and our community involvement. Cecilia Cassidy recently retired from the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (BID) where she was Executive Director. Michael Geary is the Founder and Trustee of the Geary-O'Hara Family Foundation. Patricia McGrady, retired Arlington County government is a resident of APAH's Parc Rosslyn Apartments. All are long-time Arlington County residents.



L to R: Robert Rozen, APAH Chair, and Board members, Patricia McGrady, Cecilia Cassidy and Michael Geary.

APAH is a nonprofit that develops, preserves, owns, and advocates quality rental housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families and promotes opportunity for residents through partnerships and programs. APAH is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year as the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1000 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. APAH was named Developer of the Year in 2011 by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and received the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

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