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Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing Names 2012 Affordable Housing Honorees

Arlington, VA (April 18, 2012) – The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing ([APAH](#)) yesterday announced its 2012 Affordable Housing Honorees.

“In 2012 we are recognizing Ron Carlee, former Arlington County Manager, for his steadfast commitment to Arlington’s affordable housing policy, and John Shooshan, President, [The Shooshan Company](#), for his unwavering leadership in our County’s effort to end homelessness,” said Nina Janopaul, APAH President/CEO. “They will be honored at the Celebration of Affordable Housing, APAH’s Annual Fundraiser, on October 2, 2012, at the Clarendon Ballroom in Arlington, VA.”

The honorees were announced by APAH’s 2011 Honoree, John Milliken, former Arlington County Board member and Partner, Venable LLP, at an April 17 reception.

“APAH is honoring Ron Carlee for his years of support to the non-profit community for the development of committed affordable housing and expansion of housing opportunities for people with special needs,” said Milliken.

“APAH is honoring John Shooshan for his tireless determination to end homelessness in Arlington. He is co-chair of the Leadership Consortium of the [10 Year Plan to End Homelessness](#), established the 100 Homes Campaign Fund and worked closely with the County Board to secure a matching pledge, creating an unprecedented private/public partnership dedicated to providing affordable housing to our most vulnerable citizens,” Milliken went on to say.

Mr. Carlee served as Arlington’s County Manager from 2001-2009, a period of rapid redevelopment and escalating property values. He worked to ensure that Arlington remained an economically diverse community. During his tenure as County Manager more than 1,100 housing units were committed to long-term affordable rents with the overall stock of affordable housing rising to approximately 14% of all rental housing units in the County. When the County’s affordable housing policies were overturned by the courts in 2005, Mr. Carlee reached an agreement with developers and advocates that led to innovative legislation adopted by the state.

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While Arlington's health and human services director, Mr. Carlee consolidated housing assistance programs and placed a strong emphasis on civic engagement and partnerships with nonprofit and for-profit housing providers. After working for Arlington for 29 years, Mr. Carlee is now chief operating officer for the [International City/County Management Association](#). He teaches in the graduate program at George Washington University.

Mr. Shooshan, CEO and President of The Shooshan Company, combines his in depth knowledge and dedicated leadership to direct and implement the strategic goals of the company. In 2008 The Shooshan Company completed the Liberty Center, a one million square foot, mixed-use project consisting of office, residential and retail space. Today he leads their newest development endeavor, Founders Square, a 5.35 acre mixed-use project that combines 1.2 million square feet of density with a 2 acre park in Ballston. He founded The Shooshan Company in 1986 and in 2007 helped form Kodiak Realty Services LLC, a property management firm focusing on developed properties. He began his career at the Oliver Carr Company and worked for Cadillac Fairview Urban Development Inc.

Mr. Shooshan served on the Arlington County Affordable Housing Roundtable, a nonprofit, for-profit and government collaborative that developed the current Affordable Housing Policy. In addition to his deep commitment to ending homelessness in Arlington, Mr. Shooshan is a former member of the Urban Land Institute's Washington District Council Executive Committee, Landon School trustee, past president of the Ballston Partnership and served on the boards of the Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership and the John Carroll Society.

APAH's Annual Fundraiser Event on October 2, 2012, at the [Clarendon Ballroom](#) is a once-a-year opportunity for corporate and individual affordable housing sponsors and donors to support APAH, celebrate affordable housing and recognize the contribution of APAH's Affordable Housing Honorees.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or to attend the October 2, 2012 Annual Fundraiser Event at the Clarendon Ballroom, contact Linda Kelleher, APAH's Director, Community and Resident Relations, at lkelleher@apah.org or 703.276.7444, ext. 102.

APAH is a nonprofit that owns, develops, and preserves quality housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families. APAH is 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); in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit Small Business of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

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