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COMMISSIONER NAMED TO LEADERSHIP POST IN NATIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Pittman vice chair of ethics, training board

(OAKLAND, CA) – Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman Robert J. Pittman Jr. was recently named to a leadership post on the Board of Ethics and Credentialing Trustees for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Pittman, a 7-year member of the OHA board, will serve as the vice chair for the national committee, which oversees testing and credentialing for public housing officers. The announcement was made at the NAHRO National Convention in early October in Washington, D.C.

“This gives the Oakland Housing Authority a say in the national dialogue on housing and a seat at the table in national housing policy,” Pittman said. “That kind of knowledge, as Mayor Ron Dellums creates a model city in Oakland, will be invaluable.”

Oakland Housing Authority recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary of providing quality, affordable housing to Oakland’s residents. It has revitalized neighborhoods, offered life enrichment services to its residents and has contributed to the local economy. Presently, 11,142 of Oakland families, elderly and disabled rent with Section 8 vouchers, which is a public/private partnership allowing clients choice in the private rental market. OHA provides housing for approximately 10 percent of Oakland’s families, with 3,221 public housing units in its stock. The average income of OHA families is about \$15,000.