

## **Executive Director, White Plains Housing Authority**



The Board of Commissioners and Management of the White Plains Housing Authority have a proud history of partnership with our residents, clergy, local community residents, businesses and government. The goal of WPHA which is supported by the Federal Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 is to allow for more economic integration and deconcentration in public housing; encourage and reward work; provide protection of those in need; and expand the number of units accessible to low income families in cooperation with new housing choice vouchers.

Under my current administration, WPHA has successfully implemented a Capital Program to upgrade all physical structures, provide emergency repair and replacement of the physical needs of the plant as necessary. We have built a new administration building to provide and support professional services to our residents and the community, installed and activated new surveillance equipment and monitoring systems and have begun to enforce new and existing policies and procedures as directed by the Board of Commissioners.

We are moving towards a new phase in Public Housing not just here in White Plains but, throughout the nation. Public Housing now requires' better management and oversight of all the physical assets owned and operated by each Housing Authority. Each site or combination of sites with 250 units or more now require a property manager that will make decisions on a local level about how the properties are to operate. The new property managers must work with each building association and the Authority's Resident Council to obtain local resident input about the on-going operation of each building and grounds. Our central office team will continue to oversee and approve the financial and regulatory impacts on housing authority operations while maintaining a direct flow of information to bring to you efficient and effective services.

The Board of Commissioners and Management look forward to providing you with on-going improvements for a better quality of life as our city redevelop, so shall our Public Housing Authority.

Sincerely,

Mack Carter, Executive Director