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**Charlottesville Conference Will Focus On Workforce Housing Solutions**

**WHAT:** Central Virginia Workforce Housing Forum

**WHO:** Susan Dewey, Executive Director, Virginia Housing Development Authority  
Bryant Applegate, Senior Counsel, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development  
The Honorable David Toscano, Virginia Delegate  
Professor Bill Lucy, UVA School of Architecture

**WHEN:** Monday, April 30, 2007  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** University of Virginia, Newcomb Hall Ballroom

**BACKGROUND:**

This regional conference is one in a series supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed to assist local governments and public-private partnerships to identify regulatory barriers and provide technical assistance to reduce those barriers. Over 125 participants are expected to attend the Central Virginia Forum including local government officials, housing advocates, non-profit representatives and members of local housing industry businesses.

The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® (CAAR) is hosting the event in partnership with UVA's Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, the UVA Community Relations Office, the Piedmont Housing Alliance (PHA) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CAAR has been a leader in the Charlottesville area in promoting workforce housing. Workforce housing covers members of the community with household incomes in the 80% to 120% of the median income. Affordable housing, which covers households below 80%, has been addressed for many years by non-profits and government agencies. Until recently, workforce housing had not been addressed.

In 2004, CAAR established the CAAR Workforce Housing Fund to provide down payment assistance to members of the workforce. The premises of the Fund is to help key members of the workforce – teachers, nurses, police officers and firefighters – live in the same community



they serve. Since the establishment of the CAAR Fund, local governments and other non-profits have started to address the workforce housing issue. The Central Virginia Workforce Housing Conference is being held to further the discussion of workforce housing and to develop new solutions for our community needs.

For additional information on the Central Virginia Workforce Housing Forum including an agenda, please visit <http://housingforum@caar.com>.

(See the following agenda for more details)

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Charlottesville, VA, April 30, 2007

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### AGENDA

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.           **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.           **Opening Remarks**
- *Lori Chapman, President, Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®*
  - *Jeff Gaffney, Trustee, Workforce Housing Fund*
  - *The Honorable David Toscano, Representative, Virginia House of Delegates*
- 9:30 -10:30 a.m.           **America's Affordable Communities Initiative and HUD's National Call to Action Program**
- *Bryant Applegate, HUD Senior Counsel and Director of the America's Affordable Communities Initiative*
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.       **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.       **Workforce Housing in the Charlottesville MSA**
- *William Lucy, Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning, Charlottesville Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review*
  - *Josh Goldschmidt, Church Hill Homes*
  - *Kimberly Suyes, Director of Human Resources, Albemarle County and Albemarle Schools*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.   **One Community's Response: Montgomery County Maryland**
- *Derick Berlage, Partner in the Government Affairs Division of Venable LLP and former Chairman, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission*
  - *Richard N. Parsons, CIO, Rodgers Consulting Inc. and former President, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce*
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.       Lunch and Keynote Remarks
- *Susan Dewey, Executive Director, Virginia Housing Development Authority*
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.       **Break Out Sessions**
- 2:30 – 3 p.m.           **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
- *Dave Phillips, CEO, Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®*

