

MPHA Executive Director Greg Russ appointed to lead New York City Housing Authority

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced his appointment of Minneapolis Public Housing Authority Executive Director/CEO Greg Russ as the next Chair and CEO of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Russ expects to leave his position with MPHA on August 2. Russ joined MPHA in February 2017. The move to NYCHA continues his career of more than three decades serving low-income families through housing. Russ brought to Minneapolis his deep knowledge of federal housing programs and a transformational vision for the future of MPHA's public housing and voucher programs. The MPHA Board of Commissioners will begin a process to select MPHA's next leader. MPHA's executive director is chosen by the board and confirmed by the Minneapolis City Council.



Families, partners, community join MPHA to celebrate Minnehaha Townhomes opening

MPHA recently celebrated the opening of the Minnehaha Townhomes with the 16 families who now call this place home, and all of the wonderful partners from across the city, county, and state that made this housing possible. The townhomes are the first new public housing built since 2010 and the families served were all previously experiencing homelessness. The event included remarks by Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, City Council Member Andrew Johnson, and Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley, all of whom expressed their strong support for continuing this vital partnership in creating more affordable housing.



Thousands apply for Section 8 HCV program waiting lists across region

In a first-of-its-kind coordinated approach, Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority, MPHA, and St. Paul Public Housing Agency opened their Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program waiting lists from June 12-18. A random drawing of 2,000 people will be pulled from the 14,701 applications received for MPHA. Metro HRA and St. Paul had 17,336 and 13,408 applicants, respectively.



Court overturns previous ruling on Section 8 discrimination

The Minnesota State Court of Appeals overturned a lower court decision that struck down the city's ban on discrimination in rental housing against people with Housing Choice Vouchers, ruling that the city's ordinance was not unconstitutional. The ordinance did not go into immediate effect, but returned to the lower court for reconsideration. MPHA supports eliminating any barriers that prevent families with vouchers from finding safe, affordable places to live, and believes that property owners are essential partners in this process.