

ARDATH M. CADE

Ardath Cade, a long time resident of Severna Park, is widely recognized for her leadership in the creation and implementation of numerous State and County housing and community development programs. Using her knowledge, experience, and tenacity, Ardath has shown the unique ability to identify needs and possibilities and bring together the resources, people, and politics necessary to accomplish the goals.

Ardath started her government service in 1971 as the County Administrator of Charles County, while there becoming the first female member of the National Association of County Administrators and the organization's President.

Joining the staff of Governor Blair Lee in 1977, she served as liaison to several departments, including housing and community development. Under Governors Harry Hughes and William Donald Schaeffer, she became Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development. In that capacity, she led the successful passage of key legislation, known as the Housing Initiative of 1986, that established Maryland as a national leader in state funded housing programs. Continuing her influence at the federal level, she served as President of the Council of State Community Development Officials.

In 1991 Ardath came to the Anne Arundel County government, first as Planning and Zoning Officer and thereafter overseeing all Human Services departments. She was key in launching Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. as an independent non-profit, a highly successful national model.

Capping her career, she established the Cade Mason Group where she continued to work on various housing and community development projects and generously gave her time and expertise to groups such as the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition. Her assistance to that organization was significant in leading to passage of the " Rental Housing Works" legislation, a major new state program which annually allocates millions, key to the successful financing of major affordable housing projects.

Now , in semi- retirement, Ardath serves on several non-profit boards and, on behalf of the Washington County Board of Education, advocates on education issues.

MELISSA MADDOX-EVANS

Melissa Maddox-Evans, Esq. has over sixteen years of experience in the affordable housing industry and over twenty-nine years in community development initiatives. She received her B.A. from Georgetown University and her law degree from the University of Georgia. She served as both a Director and as General Counsel for The Housing Authority of the City of Charleston and as CEO of the Charleston County Housing & Redevelopment Authority. She is currently the Executive Director/CEO of The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis, MD. Ms.

Maddox-Evans helped form The Charleston Redevelopment Corporation, an affiliated nonprofit which has developed a community land trust for Charleston and served as the first President & Chair of its Board of Directors. She is a national speaker on affordable housing and fair housing laws, non-profit/corporate governance and is an advocate for domestic violence victims, disability, education, and social justice issues and was a featured speaker for TEDxCharleston. She helped form the Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative of Charleston which promotes racial equity and social justice policies and programs.

She has received several awards from housing, government and industry groups for her leadership and advocacy. Prior to working in the housing industry, she spent several years working in early intervention programs for developmentally delayed children and as a grassroots organizer for non-denominational churches throughout the Southeast. Ms. Maddox-Evans believes in being an active member in her community and has served on several boards and commissions, including the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition and the City of Annapolis Housing Affordability Task Force.

KATHLEEN M. KOCH

Kathleen M. Koch is the Executive Director for Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS), a nonprofit housing and community development agency established to create and retain affordable housing opportunities. ACDS serves as Anne Arundel County's Housing and Community Development agency responsible for planning and developing projects with public and private funds that serve the County's low and moderate income residents and communities. Ms. Koch was instrumental in the creation of the agency and has shepherded the organization from an agency with an annual operating budget of \$3 million to an organization with an annual operating budget of over \$20 million. In addition to the creation of new affordable homeownership units, ACDS has helped to create and retain over 2,500 affordable rental units in the County. As the Executive Director for the agency responsible for

administering HUD funding, Ms. Koch oversees the County's efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. In addition, she has been a key player in the regional efforts to overcome impediments to fair housing.

Ms. Koch is a 2006 Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow and a graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She also received the "Housing Person of the Year Award" in 2013 for her statewide efforts to promote affordable housing. She has served on many committees representing the County Executive and received various awards from the National Association of Counties, the American Planning Association, and various historic preservation associations.

Ms. Koch received her M.S. in Applied Public Affairs and her B.S. in Planning from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

THERESA WELLMAN

Theresa Wellman has been employed by the City of Annapolis Planning and Zoning Department for the past twenty-four years. Theresa graduated from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government in 1986 with a Master's degree in Public Administration. She received her B.A. from the State University of New York in 1969.

Theresa's responsibilities as Chief of Community Development for the City of Annapolis include the administration of the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, Clay Street Revitalization, and the City's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program.

Prior to joining the City's Planning and Zoning Department Staff, Theresa worked at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in the Neighborhood Revitalization Division providing technical and project development assistance to local governments on housing and community development programs.