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Donovan Duncan Joins Urban Strategies as Senior Vice President

Donovan Duncan has joined Urban Strategies, Inc. as senior vice president. In his new role, Duncan will assume a range of leadership, operational and implementation strategies for the organization to help transform and energize neighborhoods throughout the country. Duncan, along with other executive committee members, will also oversee management and implementation of the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants and Byrne Grants.



Prior to joining Urban Strategies, Duncan served as director of development and operations at the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in Ohio. He was responsible for CMHA HOPE VI initiatives, Choice Neighborhoods, Promise Neighborhoods, public housing replacement, new home ownership and other real estate development activities. Duncan was responsible for creating over \$750 million of real estate investment opportunities.

A graduate of the University of Akron with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Finance and The Cleveland State University with a masters in Organization Development, he serves on many boards. Some of these include the Forever Family National Board where he serves as vice president and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials where he also service as vice president. Additionally, Duncan was an Annie E.

Casey Foundation Children and Family Fellow.

"We are pleased to welcome Donovan Duncan to our Urban Strategies team," Esther Shin, president of Urban Strategies, said. "With his impressive record of groundbreaking accomplishments and his vast skill set, Donovan will help lead Urban Strategies in the communities we serve and beyond."

A national leader in its field, Urban Strategies, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that specializes in human services development, planning and strategy implementation as part of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization. Founded in 1978, the organization has been involved in neighborhood transformation efforts in 24 cities and more than 30 neighborhoods across the nation, while serving more than 26,000 families. Urban Strategies has leveraged nearly \$350 million in supportive service partnerships. For additional information: www.urbanstrategiesinc.org.

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