



# HOLLY KNIGHT

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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### SPEAKER & TRAINER

Technical advisor and speaker for numerous state, regional, and national housing associations, including: MAHRO, AI Association of Housing, ALCARH, MS Home Corporation, LA Housing Council, SERC, and NAHRO

### DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

2022 NAHLFA Home Excellence Award - Harmony Gardens, Alexandria, LA

2021 AHF Readers Choice Award Finalist - Royal Cambridge, Alexandria, LA

2021 MHN Transaction Award - Lakeshore Family Homes, Lake Providence, LA

2020 NAHRO Award of Merit - Twin Lakes of Leesville, Leesville, LA

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Globe St. Women of Influence 2020

Public Housing Recovery and Sustainability Professional, HUD

Economic Development Finance Professional, NDC

LEED Certified HUD, Region IV Award of Excellence, Furthering Affordable Housing Award, Energy Efficiency Award, Building

Sustainable Housing, Increasing Affordable Rental Housing (Awarded 2011-2010)

### SUMMARY

Holly Knight has more than 25 years of affordable housing experience assisting Public Housing Authorities in both housing development and community revitalization. Before launching her private development enterprise, Knight spent 15 years as a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) professional, honing her technical skills. She is a certified mixed-finance professional, a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Public Administration program, and a highly awarded disaster recovery professional. As a developer, Knight has leveraged over \$623 Million in the past five years with \$1.2 Billion in the pipeline. Knight has 64 PHA RAD consultations and partnerships that serve rural and urban areas across 17 states.

Knight has worked to develop or substantially rehabilitate nearly 4,000 affordable housing units. Financing for these developments consist of both 9% and 4% tax credit projects as well as debt-only financing for revitalization. Mixed-financing for development includes leveraging public housing, tax credits, bond finance, and project-based vouchers,

### BIOGRAPHY & QUALIFICATIONS

Knight began her public housing career as a volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club in central Louisiana. She worked in conjunction with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) on youth programs as well as tenant and resident association programs to assist with self-sufficiency and address welfare reform efforts. During this time, she wrote and received funding for PHA programs through multiple HUD Tenant Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (TOPS) programs and grants, Public Housing Drug Elimination (PHDEP) grants, welfare reform grants, Department of Justice grants, and foundation proposals.

Knight served as the Public Housing Hub Director for HUD in the Mississippi State Office, where she also assisted with disaster recovery along the Gulf Coast and Southeast states. Knight served as the Public and Indian Housing Southeast Regional subject matter expert on HUD's Rental Demonstration Program (RAD), as well as the Region IV Energy conference coordinator leveraging national partnerships with LISC and Enterprise Foundation.



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HUD Secretary's Award for Disaster Housing Assistance Program Service to America Award Nominee, Partnership for Public Service

PIH Assistant Secretary Recognition for Disaster Relief work for Katrina, Rita, Wilma

National Award Recipient, William A. Sammy Award for Excellence in Public Service, presented by the Partnership for Public Service, Washington DC

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Department Award for outstanding community contributions

Department of Veterans Affairs Recognition for Volunteer Program Coordination

Public Housing Recovery and Sustainability Professional, HUD

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HUD, Region IV Award of Excellence, Furthering Affordable Housing Award, Energy Efficiency Award, Building Sustainable Housing, Increasing Affordable Rental Housing (Awarded 2011-2010)

HUD Secretary's Award for Disaster Housing Assistance Program

Service to America Award Nominee, Partnership for Public Service

## BIOGRAPHY & QUALIFICATIONS

Knight served in many positions and departments at HUD, including Community Planning and Development, Public and Indian Housing, and Field Policy and Management. Knight joined the Department as a Community Builder in Washington, DC working in the office of the National Director for the Community Builder Fellowship. She led the transition of PHDEP to the Weed and Seed program at Department of Justice. Knight worked on several Secretarial and White House initiatives including, "Bridging the Digital Divide," and the "Shared Visions, Pine Ridge Housing Summit."

Knight served in HUD's Community Planning and Development as an Economic Development Specialist in the Great Plains Region. In her capacity as the Region's Economic Development Specialist she worked with Entitlement Cities, counties, and states, as well as development authorities to utilize the Community Development Block Grant, HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee program, Economic Development Initiative (EDI), Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) as well as several grant programs to bring economic development and low income housing to communities in the Mid-West.

Knight has numerous years of experience administering Federal, state, and local grants as well as Foundation funding. Prior to HUD Ms. Knight served as the Executive Director for a National Youth organization, Boys and Girls Clubs. She has written numerous successful grant applications for public housing authorities. She has also consulted on low-income housing tax credit projects and competitive applications.

Knight has also worked in the private sector as the Public Relations Director for a prominent group of radio stations in Central, Louisiana as well as a consultant for a local firm specializing in health and safety.

She served on the National Board of Advisors for Public Housing Field Operations and on the Public Housing Leadership Program Council.

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Northwestern State University  
Executive Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
Rotary Club International Foundation Group Study Exchange, Japan Humanitarian