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Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, Inc. Names Dr. Albert A. Bragg Jr. as new Executive Director
Bragg replaces retiring longtime Executive Director Thomas Fuller

Akron, OH – The Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, Inc. Board of Trustees today announced the selection of Dr. Albert A. Bragg Jr. as the new executive director. Dr. Bragg will replace longtime Executive Director Thomas Fuller who will retire on September 1, 2021.

After a national search, the Board of Trustees chose Dr. Bragg for his knowledge of urban issues, public administration, research, education, and training. “Dr. Bragg’s skill set is a strong fit for the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Homes,” said Samuel DeShazor, Chairman of the Board, “We look forward to continuing and strengthening our history as a pioneer in non-profit development and management of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and the elderly and the development of market-rate for-sale housing.”

Dr. Bragg is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and served on the Board of Alpha Phi Alpha Homes. Dr. Bragg was an Akron Firefighter for 26 years before retiring in 2014 as the Akron Fire Marshall. Since that time, Dr. Bragg earned his Ph.D. in Urban Studies and Public Affairs from Cleveland State University. Dr. Bragg also has a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Technical Education, both from the University of Akron. Dr. Bragg has been an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Homes for the last 42 years and understands the inter-workings of the organization. “It is my honor and privilege to serve Alpha Phi Alpha Homes,” said Dr. Albert Bragg Jr., “I am excited to continue our mission and serving the people of Northeast Ohio and Chicago, Illinois.”

Longtime Executive Director Tom Fuller is confident in Dr. Bragg’s selection. Mr. Fuller said, “Dr. Bragg has served the residents of Alpha Homes for years as Fire Marshall for the City of Akron when he made fire safety presentations and more recently when he made energy conservation presentations as part of his dissertation. We have confidence that Dr. Bragg will lead Alpha Homes to new heights of service and expanded housing opportunities for both affordable housing renters and market-rate home owners.”

Since its inception in 1966, Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, Inc. has advanced its mission to develop, manage and provide quality housing and superior services through the creation or enhancement of thriving communities. Alpha Phi Alpha Homes has developed more than 2,400 units of senior and family housing, including The Landings at Canal Park and the Townhomes at Canal Park, and

also operates Channelwood Village, Charles H. Wesley Tower, Henry A. Callis Tower and James R. Williams Tower.

Alpha Phi Alpha Homes was recently chosen to redevelop the former Perkins Park site in the City of Akron, a project that will break ground for the new neighborhood later this year. Thomas Fuller will continue with Alpha Phi Alpha Homes in a consulting role to help oversee the Perkins project, called the "Residences at Good Park".



Dr. Albert A. Bragg Jr.

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