

NHT President Michael Bodaken Stepping Down, Spring 2018



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From Marilyn Melkonian, Chair, National Housing Trust Board of Directors

It is with great gratitude that the Board of Directors announces Michael Bodaken's intention to step down as Executive Director of the National Housing Trust during the spring of 2018. Since 1993, Michael has played a critical role in the development and success of NHT. While we will miss him and his inspiring leadership, we wish him the best of luck in his new transition to teaching, traveling and whatever his next chapter brings. We want to thank him for 24 years of dedicated service which involved many significant accomplishments, including:



- Building NHT into a nationally recognized policy leader in affordable housing and energy efficiency;
- Creating a powerful, nationally respected policy, lending and real estate staff;
- Leading NHT-Enterprise, which has preserved and improved 47 communities comprising nearly 7000 affordable homes in 14 states and D.C.
- Creating NHT Lending, which has made loans to help preserve 11,500 affordable apartments;
- Increasing funding for NHT's policy engagement with Congress and all 50 states;
- Thoughtfully crafting a strategic direction for NHT that reflects the very real connection between affordable housing preservation, energy efficiency and better life outcomes for tens of thousands of people of lower incomes.
- Creating national campaigns that successfully secured billions of federal rental assistance for seniors and families of extremely low income.
- Over the next few months, the NHT Board will be conducting a search to find the new Executive Director to lead NHT. We ask for your help in identifying the best candidates.

[The position profile can be found here.](#)

Again, we cannot thank Michael enough for the dedication, passion, enthusiasm and motivation he has given NHT over the past 24 years. He leaves NHT in excellent shape. He will be greatly missed by the staff, Board members and partners alike. The next chapter of NHT will build on the foundation Michael has laid at this award-winning organization.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Melkonian, Chair, National Housing Trust

From Michael Bodaken, National Housing Trust Executive Director

After nearly a quarter century with NHT, I recently submitted my resignation to the Board to pursue a new chapter in my work and life. I anticipate handing the reins over to a new outstanding leader during the spring of 2018. While this is obviously bittersweet, I am certain that this is the best time for me to make this move. NHT has never enjoyed a better reputation, staff and Board. Still, the decision for my transition did not come easily as I am extremely proud of all that the NHT staff and Board have accomplished during the past 24 years and hold dear to my heart the meaningful work and relationships I've built during my time as Executive Director. One could not ask for more.



I am so grateful to all who have been so supportive of the organization and of me personally over the years: staff, board members, and, of course, our partners and funders. Without you, NHT would not be as strong and vibrant as it is. I am honored to have been the leader of this incredible organization and will watch with much excitement and anticipation as NHT grows and has ever deeper social impact.

All my best,
Michael Bodaken, Executive Director, National Housing Trust