

OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

Dear Public Housing and Tribal Housing Leaders,

It is my pleasure to share that Richard J. Monocchio has been appointed to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

I am excited to have PDAS Monocchio join PIH, as the leader of our organization, on May 22, 2023. He brings deep expertise and knowledge of the work of PIH and most importantly, he cares deeply about connecting people to their communities and connecting communities to opportunities.

With decades of public service, PDAS Monocchio is passionate about building community around the strengths and needs of residents. Through his leadership, dozens of recreational, educational and vocational programs have been implemented to serve families and children in assisted housing.



PDAS Monocchio most recently served as the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC). Before joining HACC in 2011, he served as First Deputy Housing Commissioner and Building Commissioner for the city of Chicago under the Daley administration, worked at HUD under the Clinton administration and served as senior advisor to the late U.S. Rep. George E. Sangmeister from 1989 to 1994.

Among his other notable positions, he has served as the vice chairperson for the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County and as a board member for both the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and the Cook County Land Bank Authority.

In addition to improving educational and employment outcomes for low-income residents, PDAS Monocchio oversaw one of the largest affordable housing investments Cook County has seen in decades with over 1,600 units of low-income housing rehabilitated and preserved since construction began in 2015.

PDAS Monocchio joins us at HUD at an opportune moment to help showcase your tremendous contributions to the essential work of developing communities and quality homes for individuals and families in need. We expect to rely on his leadership and experience to address some of the challenges you face in your daily operations, including the need for more affordable housing, better access to capital, and supportive services dedicated to children as they grow in your communities.

Please join me in congratulating PDAS Monocchio on his appointment, as we welcome him to HUD and PIH.

Many thanks,

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