



BHA Client Newsletter Spring 2023

BHA Welcomes New Executive Director: We are happy to announce that BHA has a new Executive Director, James Williams. With over 15 years of experience, Mr. Williams has served as Vice President, Sr. Vice President, Director, Department Head, and/or Advisor; Affordable Housing, Resident Services, Housing Assistance, Fair Housing, Asset Management, Scattered Sites, Modernization, Risk Management, Maintenance, Compliance, Section 8 and ACC & LIHTC units of all classes.

James E. Williams is a native of Chicago, IL; he grew up on the city's West Side. There, he developed his love for working with and in low-income communities. After graduating from Morehouse College, James joined the United State Peace Corps, working in Togo, West Africa. Soon after his return, he began working at the Chicago Housing Authority, where he held several management positions.

James holds a MBA in Marketing and Finance from the University of Chicago (1998), BA in Organizational Behavior from Morehouse College (1989), Associate (AS) in Computer Science from Southwestern Christian College (1986) and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Health Care and Senior Living from Simmons College (2012). James is also a Certified Executive Director and a mlkpart of Rutgers University's Executive Director Education Program (EDEP)(2021).

2023 Resident Advisory Board: Annually, BHA updates our Section 8 "Administrative Plan" which guides staff on our program operations. As part of the process we appoint a Resident Advisory Board (RAB), who is asked to review the proposed changes and provide comment during a meeting held in April (via Zoom). RAB members receive \$50 for participation in the meeting.

To volunteer for the 2023 RAB, please contact us in writing by April 10 at 4:00 pm with:

- your name,
- address,
- phone number, and
- email (if you have an email address).

Please email the information to MGriffin@cityofberkeley.info, or if you do not have access to email and are interested, please mail your information by regular mail to 1947 Center Street, Fifth Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704, or place in one of the drop boxes inside or outside the BHA office building to the attention of [Moriah Griffin](#), or you have any questions, please call: 510-981-5485 by the **April 10, 4p.m.** deadline.

BHA Staff: BHA welcomes new members of our staff. Please reach out to staff with questions, or to schedule a phone meeting, and to provide your completed forms/paperwork.

Staff	Position/Client Last Name Begins with:	Phone: 510-981-	Email: @cityofberkeley.info
Lynda DeShazier	Housing Specialist A, B, C, D, K, L, O	5482	ldeshazier
Tracy Jackson	Housing Specialist E, F, G, H, I, J, M, N	5486	tjackson
Althea Maybon	Housing Specialist Mc, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	5478	amaybon
Tilda Barnes	Housing Choice Voucher Supervisor/ New Contracts/ Ports/Mod Rehab.	5484	tbarnes
Moriah Griffin	Receptionist	5470	mgriffin
Cody Henderson	Inspections Desk	5490	chenderson
Vacant	Executive Assistant	5483	
Grace Grish	Office Asst. II/Accounting	5474	ggrish
Vacant	Accountant		
Jesy Yturalde	Finance Manager	5488	jyturalde
Rachel Gonzales-Levine	Acting Executive Director	5485	rgonzales-levine

BHA Office Closure/Holiday: BHA will be closed on the following holidays:

Thursday, May 18 (Malcolm X Birthday Observed)

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth)

Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Monday, October 9 (Indigenous People's Day)

Friday, November 10 (Veteran's Day observed)

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

Friday, November 24 (Day After Thanksgiving)

Mon. Dec. 25, 2023 through Mon. Jan. 1, 2024

Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2024