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THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER CREATING  
THE MAINE TASK FORCE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, the economic health of the State of Maine depends upon the vitality of Maine communities; and

WHEREAS, the availability and accessibility of affordable housing is crucial to the vitality of Maine communities and to the welfare of Maine citizens; and

WHEREAS, the limitation of housing availability and accessibility is an increasing constraint which threatens the growth and vitality of Maine communities; and

WHEREAS, a working partnership between the public and private sector can serve as a focal point for a variety of public and private affordable housing initiatives by providing a clearinghouse for these initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish The Task Force on Affordable Housing, the organization and function of which shall be as follows:

Purpose

The Task Force on Affordable Housing will undertake a state-wide analysis, pursuant to which it will acknowledge regional differences but focus on common solutions to the problem of a lack of affordable housing. The Task Force has the following charges:

- a) investigate the supply, quality and cost of housing, both rental and owned, for lower and middle income families, including the elderly; and,
- b) determine what actions can be taken, utilizing the combined resources of the public and private sectors, to:
  - o improve the quality of existing housing;
  - o expand the supply of housing; and,
  - o make the costs of housing affordable for lower and middle income families, including the elderly.

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Membership

The Task Force on Affordable Housing shall consist of not more than 30 members nor less than 26, to be appointed by the Governor, and one each to be appointed at the option of the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, and the House Minority Leader.

The Task Force members shall represent both the public and private sectors and shall include representation from across the State. Representation shall include, but not be limited to, such interests as lenders, realtors, builders, municipal planners, constituency associations, constituency advocates, developers, non-profit housing associations, legislators and members at large.

Officers

The Governor shall appoint a Chair to serve for the term described below.

Administration

The Department of Economic and Community Development shall be responsible for providing staff support to the Task Force, and shall work in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority to the maximum extent possible.

Terms of Membership

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of six months.

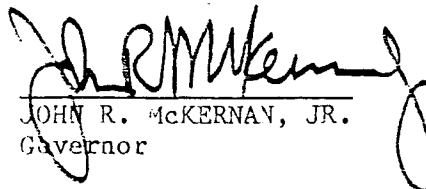
Meetings

The Task Force will convene from January to June, 1988 and issue its report in July, 1988. Members shall meet a minimum of six times during that period.

Compensation

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. Necessary expenditures incurred by members in the performance of their duties which are allowed by State law shall be borne by their parent organizations. Expenses of members without such parent organizations will be borne by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The effective date of this order is December 30, 1987.

  
JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR.  
Governor