

Robert J. Adams

Bob Adams is a Principal with Housing and Development Advisors (HDA), a firm that provides consulting services to non-profit, for profit and public sector clients in the areas of affordable housing development, finance and policy. HDA provides staffing for Housing Virginia – a statewide non-profit that works to advance affordable housing through education and policy development. HDA also manages the operations of several affordable housing providers including the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust and the Manufactured Home Community Coalition.

Bob has worked in the field of affordable housing and community development for nearly 40 years at the state, local and federal levels. His work has included the development and financing of affordable housing as well as advocacy and community education. He has served on a variety of local and national boards, including a current role as Chair of Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

He is a graduate of Yale University and holds a Master's degree in urban planning from Virginia Commonwealth University.

## Akeria Brown

Akeria Brown is the Homeownership Program Administrator for Arlington County, VA. She is responsible for implementation of the County's single-family homeownership programs in furtherance of the County's Affordable Housing Master Plan. Ms. Brown is a thought-leader with a passion for homeownership empowerment. With a background in asset management, she has developed strong relationships within the real estate community and serves on several advisory councils throughout the region. Ms. Brown earned dual B.S. degrees in Social and Behavioral Science and an MBA from the University of Maryland.

## Katharine Dixon

Katharine Dixon, President and CEO of Rebuilding Together since 2003, came to the organization after spending many years volunteering for Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, INOVA Hospital, and other community-oriented organizations. Prior to joining Rebuilding Together, Dixon spent 15 years in the advertising industry. She currently sits on the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee, the Leadership Council of Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, the Dominion Energy EnergyShare Advisory Board, and most recently joined the DC Healthy Housing Collaborative. She is also an active member of the DC Coalition for NonProfit Housing and Economic Development. Dixon has held leadership roles on the Board of Directors of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee of Leadership Alexandria, and the Alexandria Housing Master Plan Committee. She has a degree from Loyola University and lives in Alexandria with her Great Dane and foster Danes.

## Max Pastore

Max Pastore is a Senior Associate Urban Designer and Urban Planner at RHI, a landscape architecture, urban design, and urban planning firm based in Old Town Alexandria. At RHI, Max strives to reimagine urban and suburban areas by designing dynamic, resilient and human-centered places.

At RHI, Max has worked on urban design master plans, building design guidelines, as well as streetscape standards and guidelines throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Some of his recent local projects include urban design concepts and guidelines for Fairfax County's Richmond Highway bus rapid transit station areas, updated streetscape standards for Downtown Silver Spring, and conceptual streetscape alternatives for DC's Pennsylvania Avenue, west of the White House.

With architecture and urban planning degrees from the University of Maryland, Max has always approached housing and the built environment from a design perspective. Starting during his time at the Community Planning Division of Prince George's County's Planning Department, Max was quickly drawn to the evolution of inner suburbs and found that his passion was in re-thinking their infrastructure and composition.

As a side project, in 2019, Max began developing a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in his DC backyard for his retired father. The process of designing the unit, obtaining building permits, managing contractors and finances fundamentally reframed his perspective as a planning professional, and indirectly caused him to re-evaluate his professional goals.

Pairing his professional and ADU experiences with DC and Alexandria's growing housing crisis, Max's understanding of local zoning and land use has deepened. He is committed to evolving the region's land use to facilitate more accessible and flexible housing outcomes for everyone.

Brandi D. Collins, AICP

Brandi D. Collins currently serves as a Housing Program Manager with the City of Alexandria's Office of Housing where she participates in the planning and execution of Alexandria's affordable housing policies. Principal responsibilities include project management of the Rental Accessibility Modification Program, Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority redevelopment projects, Flexible Homebuyer Assistance Program, and construction monitoring of City-financed affordable housing developments. Ms. Collins holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning from Virginia Tech and a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia. She was inducted into the inaugural class of Virginia's Top 40 Under 40 in Virginia Housing in 2012.