

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Saturday, 4:45 p.m.
October 15, 1966

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano *gjc*

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* National Commission on
Urban Affairs

In the attached memorandum Macy and Weaver propose members for the National Commission on Codes, Zoning and Taxation, which you proposed in a 1965 message to Congress and which the Congress has just recently passed. You reiterated the need for such a Commission in your Syracuse speech on the cities.

I believe that the attached memorandum does not contain enough imaginative people and enough young people in this very difficult area. This is an intricate and complicated field, burdened with years of obsolete laws and taxes, where we must have bold new ideas.

If you approve, I would like to work with Weaver, Wood and Macy to get a higher caliber (and somewhat younger) group of people on the Board.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 12, 1966
Wednesday--4:45 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: National Commission on Codes, Zoning, Taxation and
Development Standards

In your August 19th Syracuse, New York speech on American cities you reiterated your desire to appoint a commission of distinguished Americans to make the first comprehensive review of codes, zoning, taxation and development standards in more than 2 generations. This committee was originally proposed in your 1965 message on cities.

Public Law 89-117, section 301 (A), directed the Housing and Home Administrator (now the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development) to study and report on the structure of:

- (1) State and local urban and suburban housing and building laws, standards, codes, and regulations and their impact on housing and building costs, how they can be simplified, improved, and enforced, at the local level, and what methods might be adopted to promote more uniform building codes and the acceptance of technical innovations including new building practices and materials;
- (2) State and local zoning and land use laws, codes, and regulations, to find ways by which State and localities may improve and utilize them in order to obtain further growth and development; and
- (3) Federal, State and local tax policies with respect to their effect on land and property cost and on incentives to build housing and make improvements in existing structures.

The Commission's report, upon its completion, will be submitted to you and the Congress.

I join Bob Weaver in recommending for your consideration the attached list of nominees (Tab A). The establishing Act calls for the appointment of this Commission by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

National Committee and FBI name checks have been completed on each nominee. Biographies are attached (Tab B). Availability of these nominees has not been ascertained.


John W. Macy, Jr.

Approve: CHAIRMAN - Albert Rains _____

James Downs _____

Robert Nathan _____

Eli Goldston _____

Approve: Roster of Nominees - Hugo Black, Jr. _____

Otto Kerner _____ OR Philip Hoff _____

David L. Baker _____

Roy Wilkins _____

John Lyons _____

David Rockefeller OR John Geilfuss _____

OR David M. Kennedy _____

Richard Ravitch _____ OR William Kirkland _____

Kathryn Stone _____

Willard Barr _____

Norman A. Parker _____

Public Member (one of 4 chairmanship candidates not selected for chairman):

Rains _____ Downs _____ Nathan _____

Goldston _____

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11:30 am., Saturday
August 27, 1966

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano *guy*

* National Commission
* on Urban Affairs K

Bob Weaver reports briefly on the directives you gave him in connection with your Syracuse speech to set up neighborhood centers in every ghetto, and to establish the Advisory Commission on Codes and Zoning.

We will pull together all the actions in response to your Syracuse speech in a coordinated report from the appropriate Cabinet Officers which might be released to the press next week end.

*See me about
panel members
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THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410

August 23, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President
 The White House

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Advisory Commission on
 Codes, Zoning, tax policy, and Development
 Standards.

The establishment of the Advisory Committee you announced in your Syracuse speech can take place immediately following the signing of the Independent Offices Appropriations Act. The Commission was authorized in Section 301 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 following your Message on the Cities of that year. The legislative history makes funds available directly to the Department but leaves open the questions of the structure, specific missions and membership of the Commission.

In anticipation for its funding, I directed the preparation of a set of background papers (to be completed this month), and staff analyses as to the appropriate structure and operations of the body. On the basis of this work to date, it is recommended that:

- The Commission be an active, working advisory body chaired by a prominent individual capable of providing strong leadership and direction to the study.
- A general policy review board of 10 to 12 distinguished individuals be established to provide representation for the view points of state and local government, business, labor, civil rights, and the general public.

- Special panels of experts or knowledgeable individuals be established for each of the subject areas of 6 members each. These panels should bear primary responsibility for the conduct of the study and final recommendations in their area, so as to avoid criticism that code policy is being made by tax experts and vice versa.

The Commission should play a key role in shaping a comprehensive strategy for coping with urban growth.

It should seek ways of modernizing present tools of codes, zoning, and taxation, and inventing new ones. It should also explore ways of harnessing the resources of private enterprise and individual homeowners to end city slums and providing a better quality of urban living throughout metropolitan areas.

It is recommended that you announce the establishment of the Advisory Commission and the principal members, but that the Department formally appoint the members of the Commission, which would also report its recommendations to the Department at the conclusion of the study.

This procedure would provide for maximum public impact and publicity and would satisfy the requirement that Congress expressly provided the \$1.5 million appropriation to the Department rather than an independent Commission to carry out the study.

Attached is a list of possible candidates for Commission chairmanship. Lists of suggested names for the review board and the expert panels are ready at your request.

Respectfully yours,


Robert C. Weaver

Attachment

SUGGESTED CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMEN OF THE FULL COMMISSION
(Candidates for the General Commission and the
Special Panel Chairmen are now available on request)

Ferd Kramer (65 yrs.) - President, Draper & Kramer Incorporated
(mortgage bankers) Chicago, Illinois

Eli Golston (45 yrs.) - President, Eastern Gas and Fuel Association,
Boston, Massachusetts

Roger Wilkins - Senior Vice President, Travelers Insurance Company

Charles Wellman (51 yrs.) - President, First Charter Financial
Corporation (A Savings and Loan Institution); Member President's
Housing Task Force 1961; consultant to Chairman of the Federal Home
Loan Bank Board

Mortimer Caplin (50 yrs.) - Partner, Law Firm of Caplin, Battle and
Harris, Washington, D. C. (Former Commissioner for Internal Revenue
Service)

Robert Nathan (58 yrs.) - President, Robert R. Nathan Associates
Incorporated, Washington, D. C. (consulting economist)

Roswell L. Gilpatric (60 yrs.) - Partner-Lawyer, Partner Cravath,
Swaine and Moore, New York City (Former Deputy Secretary of Defense)

Fairfax Cone (63 yrs.) - Chairman, Executive Committee of Foote,
Cone, and Building Advertising Firm, Chicago, Illinois
(Trustee for the Committee for Economic Development)

Joseph C. Wilson (57 yrs.) - Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
Xerox Corporation, New York City

Philip Klutznick (59 yrs.) - Senior Partner, Klutznick Enterprise,
Chicago, Illinois

James Downs (61 yrs.) - President, Real Estate Research Corporation,
Chicago, Illinois

Hedley Donovan (52 yrs.) - Editor in Chief, Time, Inc.; member
Urban America, Inc.

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85 JOHN STREET
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T. LAWRENCE JONES
PRESIDENT

October 16, 1968

Honorable James Jones
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I want to express to you our very great gratitude for your assistance in getting the appointments completed for the Advisory Board to the National Insurance Development Corporation.

As you probably know, the Board members were announced on October 11 and they held their first meeting on October 14. We are all working toward completing the necessary work by the October 30 deadline. We believe that the HUD officials will be able to meet that deadline.

Again, you have our very great gratitude.

Sincerely,



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May 4, 1967

Mr. Watson:

Tom^X Rogers - - one of the supergrades
you met with yesterday -- would like
to have a list of the people who also
attended the meeting.

His secretary said Mr. Rogers just
wants to get acquainted with these
people since he is new to this type
work.

Formerly: Deputy Director, Defense
Research & Engineering, Defense.

New Position: Director, Office of^{*}
Urban Technology, HUD

Okay to send list?

Mr. Hopkins said OK to send list.
Grades were not included in list sent/

file

Carol: -- do you want this for your
supergrade file or send on to Central
Files.

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5:30 p.m., Saturday
December 31, 1966

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

Set out below is a memorandum from Secretary Fowler recommending your approval for the January market sale by the ^{*}Renewal Projects Administration (RPA) of \$223 million in local agency short-term notes.

RPA -- an agency in HUD -- works with local slum clearance and urban renewal agencies.

The \$223 million breaks down as follows:

- \$137 million to refund a maturing issue
- \$86 million to make payments for construction under existing contracts.

If RPA does not sell these local agency issues on the market, it must borrow from the Treasury. This would create very serious problems for the already tight debt limit and would increase our fiscal year 1967 budget expenditures.

You approved the market sale of RPA notes for October, November and December. All of these sales went well.

Treasury would like your approval for the sale before noon, January 3, so that it can advertise the issue for sale on January 17.

Gardner Ackley and I recommend your approval for the sale by RPA of the \$223 million in local agency notes.

Approve _____
Quote Fowler memo (attached)

Disapprove _____

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United States Conference of Mayors

July 31, 1967

Monday, 10:45 a.m.

Barr, Joe

FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM Joe Califano

For your 12:30 meeting with HUD's Urban Development Advisory Committee, attached is:

1. A list of those who will be present (Governor *Richard J. Hughes* of New Jersey will be there):

2. A list of:

- City programs now in existence and their level of funding for the past three years and our request for the current year.
- New programs for the cities which are now pending before the Congress, and the request for 1968 funds.

3. A talking paper - prepared by Hardesty which you may want to use.

The Committee was set up about a year ago to provide advice to Weaver on his major programs.

The Committee meets quarterly and has been very helpful to HUD in its:

- Model cities program.
- New avenues for research and development.

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List of HUD's Urban Development Advisory Committee

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for meeting with President

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Memo to President
from Mr. Calvano

EXECUTIVE

August 16, 1966

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The President on August fifteenth signed an
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Executive Order entitled "Placing an Additional
Position in Level V of the Federal Executive Sal-
ary Schedule." The position is that of Director,
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Urban Transportation Administration, Department
of Housing and Urban Development.

Sincerely,

William J. Hopkins
Executive Assistant
to the President

The Honorable
The Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development
Washington, D. C.

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