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Brookline Housing Authority (BHA) Residents,

I'm writing to introduce myself and share a couple updates as I finish my 3rd week as Executive Director. I'm excited to work with the great staff and active residents at the BHA to ensure that Brookline Housing Authority continues to provide safe, comfortable housing, offer excellent resident services and quality of life, and develop and improve much-needed affordable housing.

I join BHA after over ten years working with the state of Massachusetts, including seven years at the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC). I most recently served as Undersecretary of Public Housing & Rental Assistance, overseeing state-aided public housing at over 200 LHAs statewide and managing the state's voucher programs. I look forward to bringing my state-level policy experience to the work of BHA while learning the on-the-ground realities from the experienced and committed BHA team.



I plan to visit coffee hours and resident meetings at all BHA sites in the next couple weeks. I look forward to meeting many of you - please say hello if you see me around!

I'd also like to share some updates from the Brookline Housing Authority.

Several new team members started in April, including Self Sufficiency Program Coordinator Rachel Hull, Maintenance Lead Mechanic Erik Henderson, and Capital Project Coordinator Priyank Chhatralia. Welcome!

We also congratulate Jacky Lara and Akil Alexander on their recent promotions to Financial Opportunity Program Manager and Capital Projects Manager, respectively.

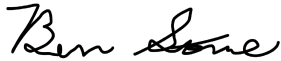
We understand that many of you watch the news and are concerned about federal funding for housing programs, particularly the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program. BHA has not made any changes to tenant rent calculation or subsidies in our Section 8 program. If there are any changes that will impact BHA rental assistance program participants, BHA will directly notify you.

We are excited to expand our financial opportunity programs this year to include federal housing and project-based Section 8 with the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program, in addition to Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) for state public housing. These programs offer coaching, incentives, and community supports to help you build income, skills, and assets for long-term success. BHA will hold information sessions starting in June, so please stay tuned.

Interested 22 High/Walnut St. residents may contact Jacky at jlara@brooklinehousing.org;
Trustman/Egmont/High St. Vets may contact Rachel at rhull@brooklinehousing.org.

Finally, please circle your calendars for the BHA Annual Community Day on Thursday, May 29th, 4-6:30pm in the courtyard at 22 High St. Hope to see you there! Check out the [BHA website for updates](#).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben Stone
Executive Director
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