

**NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
AT
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY**



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DeKalb County, Georgia – New leadership was installed at the Housing Authority of DeKalb County on Thursday, July 28, 2005 at the annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Carol A. Crumby, Area Director for United Way of DeKalb County was sworn in as Chair of the Board and Dr. Glenwood Ross, Assistant Professor of Economics at Morehouse College was sworn in as Vice Chair. The Board of Commissioners elects these positions from its members every year.

In these new roles, both Ms. Crumby and Dr. Ross will help guide the six member board on policy decisions as well as the passage of resolutions and the annual budget -- having all the rights and duties of other Board members including one vote. Board meetings are open to the public, presided over by the Chair and conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Ms. Crumby has been instrumental in increasing the visibility of the United Way in DeKalb County by working with volunteers and staff to ensure that donor dollars are well invested in programs and initiatives that best serve the DeKalb County community. "I am interested in helping people transform their lives and have a real impact on tomorrow's communities. This Authority is doing so much good work with DeKalb residents to improve current conditions. I know that empowering a person can truly change their life. I hope that serving in this capacity will provide the opportunity to assist with that."

Dr. Ross has spent his career focusing on the impact of economics and public policy on the international community as well as DeKalb County. A longtime DeKalb resident, Dr. Ross is hopeful that this term will provide the chance to help many citizens. "I am looking forward to serving on this Board in this way. Anytime I can use what I've learned to assist families in bettering their lives, I am happy to participate. It is crucial that we think of how each of us can utilize our resources to help our fellow man."

The Housing Authority of DeKalb County operates affordable housing programs for unincorporated DeKalb County, including public housing, the housing choice voucher program (formerly Section 8) and reasonably priced rental and market sales units.

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