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NYC Housing Partnership names new vice president

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A new vice president has been named for the New York City nonprofit [NYC Housing Partnership Development Corporation](#), which partners with city and state housing agencies and developers to create, develop, preserve and promote quality affordable housing.

Debbra McAllister will take on the role after spending 18 years at the [NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services](#), which works to provide the city government with resources and services needed to work effectively. She held the title of director of acquisitions when she left.

“Debbra McAllister brings to the Housing Partnership extensive experience and proven skills that will help us expand our role as a trusted participant in public-private partnerships with strong working relationships with city, state and federal housing agencies and the demonstrated ability to shepherd affordable housing projects to closing and beyond,” Housing Partnership President and CEO Jamie A. Smarr said.



NYC Housing Partnership Vice President Debbra McAllister

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McAllister’s completed over \$200 million in real property transactions at the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services. She also negotiated 500,000 square feet of commercial leases for City agencies.

From 1987-2005, McAllister worked for the [NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development](#), which works to promote quality and affordability in the city's housing and diversity and strength in the city's neighborhoods. While there, she eventually received the position of director of special incentive programs, in which she was responsible for administering affordable housing programs. She managed the development of over 100 affordable housing projects in that role, creating thousands of units of affordable housing in the city.

The NYC Housing Partnership has led relationships among private sector developers, financial institutions and for more than 40 years. This also extends to city, state and federal agencies that made and preserved over 72,000 low and moderate-income housing units across New York City, with more than \$7.6 billion in private financing being leveraged. Over \$540 million in subsidies has been utilized for affordable housing over the years.

“As a leading facilitator of affordable housing in the five boroughs of New York City, we play a key role in the development and preservation of over 72,000 units of affordable housing, providing tens of thousands of New York families with comfortable and safe affordable homes,” Smarr said.