

Edwin S. Taira

Current-

Interim appointment July 2014. Vice-Chair, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Term ends June 30, 2017.

Program Experience-

1975 – 2008, Served on private non-profit boards including the Hawaii Community Reinvestment Corporation and two terms on the State's Rental Housing Trust Fund Commission.

1999 – 2008, USDOL Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Duties included the supervision and implementation of the program. Worked with the State Department of Labor to negotiate and execute an agreement within six months to implement the program on July 1, 2000. Also included hiring staff, recruiting WIA board, developing program rules, guidelines, policies and procedures to implement of the program.

Worked with State's Department of Labor, Department of Human Services, private agencies and relocated the County's Section 8 Rental Assistance program to create the Big Island Workplace Connection. A "One-Stop" facility where Unemployment, Workforce Development, Food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Section 8 Rental Assistance programs were collocated within the same building at 1990 Kinoole Steet.

1975 - 2008, Section 8 Existing Housing Rental Assistance Program. Duties included prepare program guidelines, rules, procedures and documents (i.e. application forms, review and inspection checklists, various agreements with tenants and landlords) to implement the program.

Assisted with locating office space and staffing to start the program. Later, as Assistant and then as Housing Administrator supervised the program. Duties included conducting non-judicial administrative hearings.

1975 - 2008, County's affordable housing program. Duties included prepare program guidelines, rules, procedures and documents to implement the affordable housing policy of the County of Hawaii. Duties also included negotiating with private developers and the State to satisfy County affordable housing conditions.

1975 – 1979, Section 8 New Construction Rental Assistance Program. Duties included prepare application and processing with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and with the USDA-Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) for the "dual track" processing the HUD-Section 8 New Construction Rental Assistance and the FmHA 515 Rural Rental Program (subsidized loan program to develop rental housing).

1975, HUD-Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). Assisted with the implementation of the CDBG program for the County of Hawaii.

1975 – 2008, Other programs initiated Residential Emergency Repair, DHHL Home Repair Loan program, Downpayment Assistance Loan, Family Self-Sufficiency, Homeownership Option, Project Based Section 8 and various homeless initiatives.

Management Experience-

1992 – 2008, Administered the County of Hawaii - Office of Housing and Community Development.

50 employees, annual operating budget \$4,100,000, Section 8 Rental assistance program annual allocation \$12,600,000, Community Development Block Grant annual allocation \$2,400,000, HOME program annual allocation \$1,000,000, Workforce Investment Act program annual allocation \$3,000,000, and the Kamakoa at Waikoloa workforce housing project Phase 1A County General Obligation Bond allocation \$40,000,000. Retired December 1, 2008 with 33 years of service with the County of Hawaii.

1990 – 1992, Assistant Housing Administrator, Office of Housing and Community Development.

1982 – 1990, Development Division head, Office of Housing and Community Development.

Development Experience-

2000 – 2008, Kamakoa at Waikoloa, workforce housing project. 1,200 residential units, 600 multifamily and single family for sale and 600 rental. Estimated total development cost 350 to 400 million dollars. Initial master plan design, Request for Proposal process to select a master developer, creation of the Hawaii Island Land Trust 501(c)(3) entity to develop the project, Phase 1A under construction 40 million dollars infrastructure and design. Initiated a community facility district bond financing program.

1982 – 2008, supervised the development affordable single family for sale units, multifamily rental projects, elderly rental projects and homeless shelters. Supervised initial planning, funding, site acquisition, design, construction and occupancy.

1975 – 1982, project coordinator developed single family for sale affordable housing projects and elderly housing projects. Duties included site acquisition, secured funding – interim construction loans, grants, mortgages and rent subsidies, coordinate design and construction process, sale and rent up process.

Private Consultant –

2009, private consultant with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to administer the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Programs. Duties included review of federal rules and regulations; prepare contract management, monitoring, and reporting procedures; and to review agreements/contracts with recipients and contractors.

2009, private consultant with private developers. Assisted with the satisfaction of their affordable housing conditions.

Education-

Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Various training programs and/or classes on development, master plan development, computer hardware and software, non-judicial hearings, housing tax credits and HUD, FmHA, and DOL programs administered by the County.