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ORANGE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

On July 3, 2012, Orange Housing Authority Commissioner, Coram Rimes was awarded a national certification from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The NAHRO certification required Commissioner Rimes to complete 10 required training courses mandated by the State of New Jersey's Commissioners. Coram Rimes is in distinct company, since there are only 5 Housing Commissioners out of 600, who have obtained this prestigious national certification.

Commissioner Rimes was appointed to the Orange Housing Authority Board on October, 2008 for a five year term. During his tenure, Rimes served as the Board's Parliamentarian and on the Finance Committee.

"This additional certification was not mandatory but necessary, as it will afford me the opportunity to bring forward in depth knowledge concerning affordable housing and redevelopment, which translates into better decision making within the Housing Authority and among the board." –Commissioner Coram Rimes

Orange Housing Authority, Executive Director, Walter McNeil, Jr., Ph.D. is proud of Commissioner Rimes achievement. "It is imperative that our commissioners serving on this board demonstrate the capacity to make informed decisions, which are critical in moving the city of Orange forward." –OHA, Executive Director, Walter McNeil, Jr., Ph.D.

Commissioner Rimes also served as a board member of the City of Orange Planning Board from 1997 to 2000. In addition he served on the Orange City Council as Council Member At Large, where he was Finance Chair, Council Vice President, Council President, Budget Chair, and Liaison to Police Department. Coram has a Master Degree from Polytechnic University in Information Management and Master in Public Administration from Rutgers University. Coram has lived in Orange for 27 years with his spouse.

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Commissioner Coram Rimes

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