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**What: CDP Director of Housing Advocacy Joins CHAPA Board to advocate for Lower Cape**

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#### **Community Development Partnership's Director of Housing Advocacy joins Massachusetts' Board of Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)**

Andrea Aldana, The Community Development Partnership's Director of Housing Advocacy has been elected to the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association's (CHAPA) Board of Directors.

CHAPA, one of the state's leading advocacy organizations for affordable housing, encourages the production and preservation of housing that is affordable to low-and-moderate income families and individuals and to foster diverse and sustainable communities through planning and community development.

The Lower Cape is considered a rural area but when policy decisions are made on Beacon Hill, urban centers receive the most attention. Thus, Aldana's election to the Board means that the Lower Cape will have better representation in policy making. Jay Coburn, CDP CEO serves as Vice Chair of the state's Rural Policy Advisory Commission and Chair of the Policy Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations. Coburn commented that "Andrea's appointment is a recognition of the leadership provided by the CDP and Andrea in addressing our region's affordable housing crisis. And it provides our region with a seat at the table with other housing advocates in the Commonwealth to shape state policies and programs."

Aldana looks forward to contributing to the CHAPA Board in the months ahead. "CHAPA plays a significant role in advancing housing policy in Massachusetts," says Aldana. "Like most states, it's easy for the needs of rural areas to get overshadowed by urban voices. I'm thrilled for the opportunity to represent the unique needs of the Lower Cape while learning from my seasoned peers on the Board."

## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

The Community Development Partnership leads the Lower Cape in building a diverse year-round community of people who can afford to live, work and thrive here. To accomplish our mission, we promote, develop and manage affordable housing; nurture the launch and growth of small businesses; and facilitate collaboration with business, non-profit and government partners.

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