

Stephen Gartrell

Steve Gartrell has been the Associate Director for Housing and Community Development for the City of Newton since 1985 and administrator of the WestMetro HOME Consortium since it was formed in 1992. In 1994, he fostered the formation of CAN-DO as the City of Newton's Community Housing Development Organization. Then in 1999, he provided capacity building funds which enabled CAN-DO to hire staff and establish an office.

Steve is responsible for the administration of over \$3 million annually that the City receives from three HUD programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. These funds are used to assist Newton's low- and moderate-income individuals and families with a range of housing-related, human service and community development needs.

Some of the accomplishments of Steve's tenure overseeing these programs include:

- Production of over 800 units of affordable housing in Newton;

- Assistance provided to more than 1,500 homeowners to renovate their homes;

- Grants awarded to 500 elders and people with disabilities to make small home repairs; and

- Funding assistance for twelve first-time homebuyers to purchase a home in Newton.

Steve has played a significant role in the review of various city ordinances including changes to Newton's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, related to the production of additional units of affordable housing. During the past few years, Steve has had a role in reviewing applications for nearly 900 Comprehensive Permit and Inclusionary Housing units permitted in Newton.

This year Steve is serving as president of the National Community Development Association (NCDA), a national nonprofit organization comprised of more than 550 local governments across the country that administer federally-supported community and economic development, housing and human service programs, including the CDBG and HOME programs. Steve has also taught the the NCDA-sponsored CDBG Basics class at various locations across the country.

CAN-DO wishes Steve the best as he moves into retirement and thanks him for his counsel and support through the years.



Jason A. Rosenberg

Jason A. Rosenberg is a partner in the law firm of Rosenberg, Freedman and Goldstein LLP, which, with its previous partners, has been a presence in Newton since 1980. Jason is responsible for the commercial and residential real estate matters in the firm, and is considered an expert in complex issues of zoning and permitting in Newton and other communities.

His legal career began in the City of Newton Law Department, which spanned the years 1971 to 1977. He has been involved in numerous projects in Newton to create affordable housing. In the 1980's, Jason represented the Newton Housing Authority through the then-Community Development Authority to shepherd through the Chapter 40B project, which created housing for people with disabilities at the so-called "new" Hyde School.

He has shown a determined commitment for affordable housing in Newton through his pro bono services to CAN-DO for various Chapter 40B projects. In 2000, he obtained the first of these approvals, for the 5-unit transitional housing on Christina Street together with the adjoining 4-unit mixed income Highland Glen townhouses. Jason has been the advisor and pro bono counsel for Can-Do's subsequent Chapter 40B projects, of which the following are currently completed and occupied: Linden Green, and Millhouse Commons.

Jason also has played a role in the adoption and successive refinements of Newton's affordable or inclusionary housing provisions in the City's Zoning Ordinances. In addition he has been involved in various other charitable, public advocacy, and civic activities. Among them is his commitment to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. He has been on the Mayor's Committee for People with disabilities since its inception in 1975, and had served as chairman for some twenty-five years. Jason was also a founding member of the Boston Self Help Center, and pro bono counsel for the Boston Center for Independent Living. He also serves as the volunteer attorney his synagogue, Temple Beth Avodah as to real estate issues, and is a co-founder and trustee of the John and Geraldine Weil Memorial Foundation, which provides grants to study, treat, and prevent child abuse.

Jason and his wife, Donna M. Rosenberg, have been married for 29 years, and are the parents of Alicia and Kayla Rosenberg. Alicia has been for 2 years a teacher in an inner city charter school in Washington, DC, and is now studying for a masters degree in urban education at Harvard. With the death of Kayla in the 2001 bus accident in Canada, Jason, together with Donna and Alicia, have provided a memorial fund at their synagogue, which supports individual and community-wide acts of kindness and charity. Because of his efforts in behalf of affordable housing for Can-Do, the five-unit transitional housing on Christina Street was named in memory of Kayla.

Jason holds Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from Boston University.

