

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY
SWEARS IN NEW LEADERSHIP**

New Resident Leaders Take Office

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DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA – The Housing Authority of DeKalb County (HADC) Board of Commissioners welcomed fresh participation and leadership at its annual meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2005 at Tobie Grant Manor Apartments, Community Center. DeKalb County Commissioner Larry Johnson offered inspiration and advice as well as conducted an installation ceremony for over fifty residents who will be active housing advocates in their communities.

New resident leaders were sworn in as the newly formed, “Resident Advisory Board (RAB).” These are a select group of individuals currently living in an Authority housing program who want to volunteer their time and energy to assist with Authority business. They are the residents that the Authority will call on at any time for opinion, assistance and/or assessment of resident attitude.

HADC Chief Executive Officer Bettye Davis says, “It’s exciting to have our residents in a leadership role with their fresh approaches and contributions. We are in business to serve the needs of our residents and we need the spirit of volunteerism to help us reach everyone. I am committed to working with our RAB in order to improve the lives of all the residents in the Authority.”

According to DeKalb County Commissioner Larry Johnson, “Resident involvement is important because the residents really know what’s going on – they’re at the center of the community and what’s happening in it. That’s why it’s important to have a Resident Advisory Board like this—so we can make good decisions *with* the residents not only *for* the residents.”

The Housing Authority of DeKalb County operates affordable housing programs for unincorporated DeKalb County, including public housing, the housing choice voucher program (formerly Section 8) and reasonably priced rental and market sales units.



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