

*Lambda Alpha Baltimore*

**Luncheon Meeting Agenda**

**February 19, 2014**

12:00 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Reminder to use LAI website to create user/profile & pay annual dues
3. News from LAI
  - a. Reminder – Atlanta LEW coming up, Thursday April 3 - Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, Steve Rudow to attend
  - b. President’s call - Major initiative underway to study & update the LAI branding and outreach messaging – surveys going out. Opportunity for members to provide input and help shape the direction of the effort.
  - c. Madrid, Spain LEW in the October 2014
  - d. Charter under consideration for United Arab Emirates Chapter
4. 2014 Programs – Upcoming Speakers
  - a. March 19 —Mike Kelly, Baltimore Opportunity Collaborative, at their facility
5. Attendee Introductions
6. **Peter Engel**, Asst. Commissioner of Baltimore City Housing Authority, **Is HUD Now a Problem Solver? The RAD Program and \$300 Million for Baltimore’s Public Housing**

Address long-standing problems with the public housing program that serves over 11,000 households in Baltimore and HUD’s “RAD-ical” new approach. RAD is the Rental Assistance Demonstration, an effort to recapitalize deteriorating public housing developments without the use of additional federal resources. Baltimore is planning on rehabilitating over 4,000 units with a hard cost in excess of \$300 million.
7. Adjournment.

**Peter Engel** is the Deputy Commissioner of Baltimore Housing for Project Finance and Development.

In this capacity, Mr. Engel is responsible for City sponsored and public housing residential development under the auspices of Baltimore Housing, which consists of both the City's Department of Housing and Community Development and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. Developments generally include housing for a wide range of incomes and use a variety of public and private funding sources.

Prior to joining Baltimore Housing, Mr. Engel was Assistant Director of Real Estate with the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission. At HOC, Mr. Engel developed and supervised the direct development of over 1,450 mixed-income rental units. From 1996 to 2002 Mr. Engel served as the Director of Multifamily Housing for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. He was responsible for all multifamily affordable housing lending activities, compliance monitoring and Section 8 programs.

Previously Mr. Engel was an attorney practicing in both the public and private sectors. From 1991 to 1996 he was an Assistant Attorney General with the State of Maryland, assigned to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mr. Engel received a B.S. in physics from the Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.