

## CHARLES TOUHEY

Charles Touhey is a native of Albany, New York. He attended Princeton University and served in the United States Peace Corps in Micronesia. For ten years, he was the Director of Capital Housing of Albany, a nationally recognized housing rehabilitation and home ownership program, which has provided homes for over 200 families...at no cost to taxpayers and with minimum government involvement.

In recognition of his achievements rehabilitating and restoring neighborhoods, Mr. Touhey was chosen for the Distinguished Service Award by the Albany Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is the author of *The Capital Answer*, a publication on housing rehabilitation for low and moderate income homeowners.

At age 74, Mr. Touhey has strong private sector experience. As Managing Partner of The Latham Four Partnership, he oversees over one million square feet of offices and distribution facilities in New York and Florida. He has developed several residential subdivisions using such innovations as modular housing. He was also the President of Orange Motor Company, Albany's oldest and largest Ford dealer, as well as the President of The Spare Room, Inc., self storage facilities with over 3,000 units.

As part of his campaign for Mayor of Albany in 1981, Mr. Touhey designed and constructed a new "In-Fill" prototype, which is intended to attract middle income homeowners back to central cities. He has constructed and marketed them in five cities and two states in the Northeast.

In 1985, in recognition of his innovative ideas on "In-Fill" housing, one of his projects was selected as the first Affordable Housing demonstration site in New York State by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To date he has developed over 800 units of housing totaling in excess of \$30,000,000.

Mr. Touhey served on the Mayor's Housing Advisory Council from 1989-1993. As a member of his city's presentation team, he was instrumental in Albany's designation in 1991 as an "All-America City" by the National League of Cities.

He is a former Member of the College of Saint Rose Board of Trustees as well as a Board Member of the Albany Center for Economic Success (ACES), a Small Business Incubator, which assists women and minority entrepreneurs in starting up their new enterprises.

In 2002, Mr. Touhey was selected by Mayor Jennings to serve on the Arbor Hill Revitalization Task Force which included the development of new 2 family homes for first time home buyers.

His Touhey Homeownership Foundation partnered with Capital District Habitat for Humanity in the construction of 60 new owner occupied homes in the historic Sheridan Hollow Neighborhood.

Mr. Touhey is Chair of the Board of The Albany County Land Bank Corporation,