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Chestnut Hill Realty's Executive Committee

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Since establishing the executive committee in 1999, the committee has expanded to include additional senior staff and external expertise. The executive committee provides a forum for information gathering, idea generation, problem solving and corporate decision making. This allows the company to focus on its mission and business plan for expansion.

Edward E. Zuker founded Chestnut Hill Realty in 1969 and is now its chief executive officer. Zuker oversees the company's development strategy and devotes significant amounts of time to a variety of philanthropic causes. Zuker has been an active leader in the real estate industry over the years, including positions with the Rental Housing Association, the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, the Brookline Property Owners Association and B'nai B'rith New England. Zuker studied architecture and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Miami. Zuker was also co-chairman of the building committee for Temple Beth Avodah in Newton.

Peter Poras, president of investments, oversees financial management and provides strategic financial counsel regarding all major development and management acquisitions for Chestnut Hill Realty. Poras has volunteered at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley and for West Suburban YMCA advising on financial matters and assisting in developing effective fundraising activities. He is a member of the RHA and REFA. Poras is a graduate of Syracuse University where he received a Bachelor of Arts and Babson College where he received an MBA. Before joining CHR in 1987, Poras worked as CFO for a large distribution company and a major software development company.

George McHugh, president of property management, has been with Chestnut Hill Realty for nearly 30 years and currently oversees apartment management, energy, horticulture, and property improvements. He was a director on the Greater Boston Real Estate Board from 1997-1998 and a director of the Rental Housing Association since 1995. McHugh will serve as president of the Rental Housing Association in 2010. He is a member of the National Apartment Association, the Community Association Institute, and the Society of Property Professionals. McHugh graduated from Westfield State College with a Bachelor of Science in economics and business administration and has earned BOMA's Real Property Administrator designation.

Carl Andersen, treasurer, manages Chestnut Hill Realty's finances, including cash management for the company. Andersen is a CPA and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Massachusetts Society of CPAs. He has volunteered as a member of the Foxboro Financial Advisory board. Andersen is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology where he earned

his Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

John Shevlin, Esq., of Gilman, McLaughlin and Hanrahan, LLP first represented Chestnut Hill Realty in the early 1970s as a real estate attorney in transactions for the company. Over the years, his relationship with CHR has expanded to corporate counsel and trusted advisor as well as close personal friend. Shevlin received his undergraduate degree from Harvard College and his Juris Doctorate from Boston College.

Robert Zuker is Chestnut Hill Realty's chief operating officer. He manages all support services for the company and is integral to the financial and strategic planning for the company. Zuker graduated from Emory University's Goizueta Business School in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Zuker is an active member of Temple Beth Avodah in Newton and currently serves on its board of directors as chairman of the budget committee and financial oversight committee. He also serves as treasurer and vice president of the board of directors of Camp Avoda in Middleboro, Mass. Zuker was honored in 2005 by the Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters for his contributions to their financial planning and now sits on their finance committee. Additionally, Bobby was a member of Next Generation Task Force at Children's Hospital Boston. Together with other real estate and business professionals they helped build the Yawkey Family Inn which opened in June 2009 and houses 22 patient families.

Tracy Mahoney is the insurance and real estate tax manager for Chestnut Hill Realty. She oversees the escrow, payment and abatement of real estate taxes on all of CHR's residential communities. She maintains and controls all facets of insuring CHR properties. Tracy started with CHR in 1983 and progressed to her current position in 1996. She currently serves as secretary of the executive committee.

Cathie Morat, chief communications officer, is responsible for corporate image and works on long range planning and organizational initiatives. Cathie also chairs the executive committee. Prior to joining CHR, she spent five years at a multi-million dollar public company with several subsidiaries, and twelve years prior in the president's office of a local hospital.

Marc Levin is director of development and joined Chestnut Hill Realty in 1987. Originally hired to develop the commercial properties within CHR's portfolio, Marc is responsible for all development, permitting, and construction. Marc is integral to expanding CHR's multifamily properties.

Richard Lappin is an equity partner with Chestnut Hill Realty's Rhode Island portfolio. Lappin is a trustee of The Providence Foundation and the vice chair of the Providence Downtown Improvement District. Lappin holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and an MBA from Columbia University.

Lauren Zuker Siff is the design marketing coordinator for Chestnut Hill Realty. Lauren earned her BFA degree in graphic design and marketing at the University of Miami in 2000. Since graduation, Lauren has volunteered for numerous philanthropic organizations. She is an active member of the Temple Beth Avodah Community and serves as vice-chair of their pre-school committee. Lauren is a

director of the Zuker Youth Fund, and recently served on the fundraising committee to enhance Newton South High School Tennis Courts. She currently sits on the long range planning and tennis committees at Pine Brook Country Club.

Danyel Zuker Rodgers graduated from Emory University's Business School in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. After spending time working for Chestnut Hill Realty, she moved to Vermont where she earned her Teaching Certificate and taught elementary school. Danyel is a director of the Zuker Youth Fund and is active in several other charities, including Children's Hospital and Reach Out and Read.

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