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POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

Established in 1971 under the guidance of John T. Dunlop, former United States Secretary of Labor and Dean of the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Policy Advisory Board has a longstanding history of supporting housing research at Harvard. The group also serves as a distinguished national forum for leading companies across all industries with interests in the future of housing, including homebuilding, building materials manufacturing and distribution, housing and mortgage finance, industry publishing, design, construction and renovation. Members of the Policy Advisory Board play a critical role in identifying emerging issues and trends and join our commitment to advancing housing as a national priority.

The Joint Center for Housing Studies analyzes the ways in which housing policy and practices are shaped by economic and demographic trends and provides leaders in government, business and the non-profit sector with knowledge and tools for formulating effective policies and strategies. The Policy Advisory Board provides financial support to the Joint Center; this support is critical to the Joint Center's mission and programs. The Center's programs of research, education and public outreach inform debate on critical housing issues and illuminate the role of housing in shaping communities.

The Policy Advisory Board is comprised of senior executives from leading corporations involved in the housing sector, including home building, building materials manufacturing and distribution, housing finance and mortgage banking, design, construction and renovation. The Chair of the PAB is Bruce A. Carbonari of Fortune Brands and the Vice Chair is Daniel S. Fulton of Weyerhaeuser.

Each corporate member of the board is represented by two of the company's senior executives, who are invited to attend each of the meetings. The board meets three times each year, in February, October and June. If neither representative is available to attend, an alternate executive may attend a particular meeting on the company's behalf. Each company makes an annual contribution in support of the Center's programs and activities.

During each board meeting, the Joint Center convenes scholars, governmental officials and other leading figures knowledgeable about the industry to meet with the members of the Policy Advisory Board. These meetings focus attention on major problems and issues facing the housing industry and the nation and explore opportunities for improving public awareness of housing-related issues. In addition, at each meeting the Board holds a Business Roundtable during which each member candidly shares his or her perspective on economic conditions and on current activities in the company or industry he or she represents. Many members find this to be one of the most valuable aspects of the Board meetings.