I am a former NYS official having retired after 35+years of State service including 25+ years with the Division of Housing and Community Renewal, the State's lead housing development agency. I was, among other things, most recently a Project Manager and Team leader of a group of professionals (architect, attorney, environmental specialist, underwriter and inspector) in multi family and mixed use project evaluation, selection and was responsible for construction and permanent loan closings. I am experienced in real estate finance including conventional and concessionary financing, syndications, bond financing, rental subsidies, tax credits. I participated in the development of New York's Comprehensive Plan and as part of the working with municipalities in the 25 county Regional Office jurisdiction, have provided training and technical assistance to municipal officials on such issues a planning, zoning, project site selection and suitability. I have read 100's of local comprehensive plans. I am conversant with the requirements of both SEQR and NEPA and have worked with all the Federal Housing programs for more than 2 decades including HUD and Rural Development, have worked with Industrial Development Agencies throughout the region in the administration of the Federal and NYS Tax credit programs as part of the permanent financing package for projects. I have experience with both private and not for profit developers including CHDO's and in the operation of programs of assistance as it typically found in both HOME and CDBG in which the assisted locations are not site selected.

I am familiar with the role and mission of the IDA and understand its relevance and importance in the development of any municipality.