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Paul Dans Named National Capital Planning Commission Chairman *Gibson Worsham Named Presidential Appointee from Virginia*

Washington, DC—Paul Dans was named as the new Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) for a six-year term that extends to January 1, 2027. He serves as the Presidential appointee representing the state of Maryland. His background includes two decades of experience in urban planning and policy, law, and government.

Chairman Dans worked at architecture and planning firms before attending law school and later practicing law in New York City. His prior government experience includes service at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a Senior Advisor in Community Planning and Development and most recently at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as Chief of Staff.

In his new role at NCPC, Chairman Dans will lead the 12-member Commission and oversee the Commission's review of federal construction projects, long-range planning efforts, and planning policies in the National Capital Region.

"I am honored to continue NCPC's long-standing and important role as a steward of the rich cultural, historic, and institutional assets within the nation's capital," said NCPC Chairman Dans. "I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners to advance orderly federal development; ensure that the federal government is a good neighbor within the region; and promote an inspiring, connected, and beautiful capital enjoyed by workers, residents, and visitors alike."

Chairman Dans received his Master's Degree in City Planning (MCP) and Bachelor of Science Degree (S.B.) in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as a J. D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is a member of the American Planning Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the Hispanic National Bar Association, among others.

Gibson Worsham was named the Presidential appointee from the state of Virginia for a six-year term through January 1, 2025. Mr. Worsham is a licensed architect who has combined a focus on architectural conservation and urban planning with a portfolio of classical and traditional architectural designs for a variety of building types. He manages a variety of architectural projects with the Richmond, Virginia-based firm of Glavé & Holmes Architecture.

"It is an honor to serve on the National Capital Planning Commission and forward its important work of protecting and developing the urban fabric of our great national capital. I am eager to work with staff and NCPC colleagues to elevate the character and quality of proposed federal projects."

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Mr. Worsham's traditional design skills are informed by the documentation, through intensive building surveys and historic structure reports, of thousands of vernacular structures across the upper South. In 2015, his design for Richmond's Hickok House received a John Russell Pope award from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art. He led a planning process for the historic Mormon town of Nauvoo, Illinois and helped create an innovative pattern book for an important collection of vernacular structures in Petersburg, Virginia. Mr. Worsham is also a member of the board and past president of the foundation that operates the Byrd Theatre, Richmond's architecturally distinguished motion picture palace. He has a Master's Degree in Architectural History from the University of Virginia.

The February 4, 2021 NCPC meeting will be their first as members of the Commission.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in Washington, DC and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.