



**George Phillips-Olivier\***  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority**

**George Phillips-Olivier, formerly George A. Phillips,** is the chief executive officer of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), the oldest and one of the largest housing authorities in the United States. He was appointed by the CMHA Board of Commissioners to lead the Housing Authority on January 7, 2004 after serving as deputy director and later as acting director. Under his leadership, CMHA provides housing services to over 52,000 individuals in Cuyahoga County through two federally-funded programs – Low Income Public Housing and a Housing Choice Voucher Program. He oversees approximately 1,100 employees and a budget of \$233 million.

As chief executive officer, he draws upon a wealth of experience in managing federally-funded housing programs. Mr. Phillips-Olivier spent 11 years with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), the third largest housing authority in the country in positions of increasing responsibility.

As CHA's director of Housing Management, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the 42,000-unit public housing program. He also provided direct management and oversight of CHA's "Transformation of Public Housing Plan," which included the relocation of all residents living in high-rise developments such as Cabrini-Green Homes and Robert Taylor Homes, as well as the demolition of over 21,000 severely distressed public housing units. He subsequently served as chief of the 24,000-voucher Section 8 program.

Mr. Phillips-Olivier came to Cleveland in June 2000 to serve as CMHA's deputy executive director. In this role, he led CMHA's core operating departments to raise occupancy to the highest levels since 1995 and reduced work order backlogs to the lowest levels on record.

As CEO, he has led the Authority through five years of clean financial audits, the redevelopment of 857 new public housing units, the modernization of hundreds of others, numerous national and local awards and a "High Performer" designation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for CMHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Mr. Phillips-Olivier currently serves as vice president of the Western Reserve Revitalization and Management Company, a non-profit development subsidiary of CMHA, and as a trustee for CMHA Charities Fund, Inc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for Economic

Opportunities of Greater Cleveland and Deaconess Community Foundation and serves on the Regional Governments Committee of United Way Services.

Named Executive Director of the Year for 2005 by the National Organization of African Americans in Housing, Mr. Phillips-Olivier holds several certifications through the National Coalition of Housing Management, including: Registered Manager of Housing, Certified Manager of Housing, Certified Manager of Maintenance, Certified Manager of Occupancy and Certified Budget Specialist. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and is a graduate of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2005 and the Cleveland State University Leadership Academy Class XI.

**\* Please note that the name of George A. Phillips was changed to George Phillips-Olivier as of Nov. 30, 2009.**