



Charlotte Golar Richie was appointed Boston's Chief of Housing and Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) in 1999. During Ms. Richie's tenure at DND, the city launched its first ever housing blueprint *Leading the Way*, and has since unveiled *Leading the Way II*, which continues the work of the first housing plan with goals to produce 10,000 units of housing during a four-year period. Prior to her appointment to Mayor Thomas Menino's cabinet, Ms. Richie served as State Representative to Boston's Fifth Suffolk District. Elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1994, she was appointed House Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development in 1996, marking the first time in over three decades that a first-term legislator was appointed to a leadership position in the Massachusetts Legislature. A former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, Ms. Richie has worked as a spokesperson for the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency and as a newspaper and television reporter. Ms. Richie holds a B.A. in English from Rutgers University and an M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University, and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. She lives in Dorchester with her husband Winston Richie and their two daughters.