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BNI Closes Its Doors after Sixty Years of Service

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI) today announces that it will be closing its doors at the end of August 2018.

"It is with great sadness that the BNI board came to the decision to close the organization, especially given its long, proud history and the ongoing needs in the community for its services," Robert Pierson, BNI's Board Chair, remarked.

Founded in 1959, for six decades, BNI led housing justice for Baltimore and the state of Maryland, handling many thousands of housing discrimination complaints and annually counseling tens of thousands of callers through its tenant/landlord hotline. BNI worked to advance fair housing education and enforcement and was a voice in the effort to expand knowledge and understanding about tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities.

"While we had all hoped to see BNI through to its next chapter, it became clear that the organization faced insurmountable obstacles to its continued operation," John Herron who has served as interim Executive Director since Robert Strupp's retirement, stated.

"The board wishes to express its deep gratitude to BNI's very talented staff, who demonstrate their commitment and tireless devotion to housing justice in the work they do every day for BNI," continued Robert Pierson. "The board remains committed to helping BNI's staff through this difficult transition and hopes BNI's partners will continue the vital work to promote justice in housing."

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