

KARL SMITH

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1951

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - UW-MADISON

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Karl retired in March from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency of which he was Executive Director since 1987. In October of 1995, he received the National Council of State Housing Agencies' Leadership Award.

He has overseen the Agency's growth into a four billion dollar organization that has provided home mortgage loans to nearly 60,000 Commonwealth families, financed over 40,000 affordable apartments and saved 17,000 homes from foreclosure.

He began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, including Acting Secretary, Executive Deputy Secretary and Director of the Bureau of Housing and Development. Prior to that, he served with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Karl has been the recipient of numerous awards for his housing advocacy including the annual Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Development Authorities in 1971 and Person of the Year from the Pennsylvania Builders 1983.

Karl and his wife, Lois, live in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.