J. Ronald Terwilliger, Chair

Chairman Emeritus
Trammell Crow Residential

Ron Terwilliger is currently non-executive chairman of Terwilliger Pappas Multifamily Partners which focuses on rental apartment development in the Atlanta, Charlotte, Nashville and Raleigh/Durham markets. He is chairman emeritus of Trammell Crow Residential Company, a national residential real estate company and the largest developer of multifamily housing in the U.S. for several decades during his tenure as CEO.

Ron is an honor graduate of the United States Naval Academy. After serving five years in the Navy, he received his MBA degree with high distinction from the Harvard Graduate School of Business where he was elected a Baker Scholar.

Ron is past chairman of the Urban Land Institute and currently serves as a trustee. He is also chairman emeritus of the Wharton Real Estate Center. Ron is additionally past chairman of the International Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity and currently chairs Habitat’s Global Development Council. Ron serves as chairman of the I Have a Dream Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to educating low-income children. He also serves as chairman of the Enterprise Community Partners board of trustees. Ron serves on the boards of the U. S. Naval Academy Foundation, the Urban Institute, Horatio Alger Association and Colony Starwood Homes.

Ron's philanthropic contributions include a $5 million gift to establish the ULI Terwilliger Center for Housing. Ron's $5 million gift to Enterprise created the Enterprise Terwilliger Fund – targeted to create 2,000 affordable homes annually. He has pledged and contributed more than $20 million to the U.S. Naval Academy. His $100 million legacy gift to Habitat for Humanity International will help 60,000 families access improved housing conditions.

Ron was inducted into the National Association of Homebuilder’s Hall of Fame in 2008. In 2009, Ron was honored by the National Housing Conference with the Housing Leader of the Year Award.

Ron was honored in 2009 by the United States Naval Academy as a Distinguished Graduate for his lifetime commitment to service, personal character and distinguished contributions to our nation. In 2012, Ron was honored with the National Patriotism Award by the National Foundation of Patriotism. Ron was the recipient of the 2013 ULJ J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development. Ron was also selected for the prestigious Horatio Alger Award – Class of 2014, bestowed upon individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and who are committed to supporting young people in pursuit of increased opportunities through higher education.

In 2014, Ron established the J. Ronald Terwilliger Foundation for Housing America’s Families to recalibrate federal housing policy to more effectively address our nation’s critical affordable housing challenges and to meet the housing needs of future generations.