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SDHC BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REAPPOINTED TO NEW TERMS; TWO AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENTS APPOINTED TO JOIN BOARD

SAN DIEGO, CA—San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Board of Commissioners (Board) Chair Gary Gramling and Vice Chair Roberta Spoon were reappointed to new terms, and they will be joined on the Board by two new members who reside in affordable housing and receive federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance.

The seven-member SDHC Board reviews proposed housing policy, property acquisitions, operating budget and other financial commitments. The SDHC Board offers policy guidance to SDHC staff through its communications with the President & CEO.

"I want to thank Commissioners Allen Sims and Khadija Basir for their leadership and service to the San Diego Housing Commission," SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry said. "I look forward to working with new Commissioners Margaret Davis and Kellee Hubbard and to continuing to work with Chair Gramling and Vice Chair Spoon as we move the San Diego Housing Commission forward."

A resident of East Village in downtown San Diego, Gramling has more than 30 years' experience in the building industry and is currently president of Gramling Construction Company, Inc./Desert Development Company, Inc., in Imperial County. He was first appointed to the SDHC Board by Mayor Jerry Sanders and confirmed by the San Diego City Council (City Council) on February 17, 2009. His fellow Commissioners chose him as Chair of the Board on January 15, 2010.

Spoon is a founding partner of the accounting firm Brodshatzer, Wallace, Spoon and Yip and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1985. She was first appointed to the SDHC Board by Mayor Jerry Sanders and confirmed by the City Council on February 2, 2010.

Gramling's and Spoon's new terms on the Board expire on January 2, 2017.

Davis, an administrative assistant with Ace Parking, and Hubbard, an account representative with ARS National Services, were appointed to fill the two seats on the SDHC Board that the City of San Diego Municipal Code requires to be held by residents living in SDHC affordable housing units.

Davis, who lives in the College area, brings nearly 20 years of experience in public relations and promotions to the Board, including owning her own business, Eagle Promotions, in San Diego from 1988-2001. She also served as director of communications for the Olaf Wieghorst Museum in El Cajon in 2007-08.

Hubbard has served as a member of the SDHC Participant Advisory Committee, which consists of SDHC Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) federal rental assistance participants and public housing residents. She also has worked as a lead research assistant for San Diego State University and University of California, San Diego Research Centers.

Davis and Hubbard were appointed to two-year terms, which expire on January 2, 2016.

Davis will fill the seat previously held by Sims. Hubbard will fill the seat previously held by Basir.

Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance participants are low-income San Diegans who pay between 30 and 40 percent of their household income toward their rent. The balance is paid by SDHC directly to the landlord.

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