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ANTONIA MANJAREZ JOINS DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY AS DIRECTOR OF SECTION 8 PROGRAM

Denver, CO -- The Housing Authority (DHA) of the City and County of Denver recently welcomed Ms. Antonia Manjarrez as DHA's Section 8 Rental Assistance Department. Ms. Manjarrez assumes the Section 8 Director position vacated by Ms. Tina Segura, who will be leaving DHA at the end of 2010.

Ms. Manjarrez was selected for the position following a national search and will assume responsibility for the Section 8 Department as of October 4, 2010. She brings proven experience in management and administration of the federal housing choice voucher program and related Section 8 voucher programs, including the Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VASH) Program, and special needs housing. Prior to joining DHA, Ms. Manjarrez served as Housing Choice Voucher Supervisor for the Seattle Housing Authority.

Ms. Manjarrez has also served as Certification Specialist with the Seattle Housing Authority for four years, where she managed a caseload of 800 program participants and quality assurance for program participant files for eligibility and recertification. She also served as Housing Services Coordinator for the LifeLong AIDS Alliance of Seattle Washington.

” I am happy to announce that Antonia “Toni” Manjarrez has accepted our offer to become the new Director of the Section 8 Program. Toni has been part of the Section 8 leadership team at the Seattle Housing Authority for the past 8 years.” states Ismael Guerrero, DHA’s Executive Director. “We’re fortunate to be adding her to the DHA team where she’ll continue our focus on quality customer service to the community.”

Ms. Manjarrez holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Washington.

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About DHA & Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

DHA was established in 1938 as a quasi-municipal corporation with an annual budget of \$140 million. DHA is one of Denver’s largest subsidized landlords, serving 25,700 very low, low and middle income residents and managing over 10,700 dwelling units located throughout the city. The Housing Choice Voucher public/private housing program provides low-income household rental units in the private sector. DHA administers over 5,900 vouchers and works with over 2,700 landlords.