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## **Denver Housing Authority CEO Finalists Selected**

**DENVER – Thursday, January 4, 2024** – The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (DHA) announced today that there are three final candidates under consideration to serve as DHA's next Chief Executive Officer following a national search and multiple rounds of interviews.

## Finalists include:

Yvonda Bean – is currently employed as the Chief Executive Officer at the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, since 2022. Prior to this she served as the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Lafayette, Louisiana. Ms. Bean has worked in public and affordable housing since 2000.

Terri M. Lee – is currently employed as the Chief Operating Officer at the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, since 2020. Prior to this she served as the Chief Housing Officer for the Office of the Mayor in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Lee has worked in public and affordable housing since 1997.

Joaquin Cintron Vega – is currently employed as the President & Chief Executive Officer at Lucas Metropolitan Housing in Toledo, Ohio, since 2020. Prior to this he served as the Director of the Public Housing Division in Miami Dade County. Mr. Vega has worked in public and affordable housing since 2001.

"In August 2023, I appointed a committee of five Commissioners who represent the rich diversity of our Board to undertake a thorough national search for a new chief executive to lead the Denver Housing Authority. The search has involved a wide range of both internal and external stakeholders and I am pleased to present these finalists who were selected with the consensus of our Board," Grace Buckley, Chair of DHA's Board of Commissioners said.

Commissioner Buckley continued, "The search process resulted in significant interest among a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates, many of whom were executive leaders of impressive public and private sector organizations, both local and national which further speaks to the extraordinary quality of our finalists."

DHA selected Bridge Partners, a minority-owned business with a focus on guiding and implementing an inclusive search process to partner with DHA for this search. The position became available last summer following an announcement by David Nisivoccia that he would be leaving DHA to pursue another opportunity. Nisivoccia led DHA from 2020 through August 2023. DHA residents and staff will have the opportunity to hear from finalists during upcoming interviews and forums. The Board of Commissioners will also conduct an additional round of interviews with the candidates before a final selection is made.

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## **About Denver Housing Authority**

Denver Housing Authority (DHA) is a quasi-municipal corporation with a portfolio of over 13,000 units and housing choice vouchers, providing affordable housing to more than 27,000 very low, low, and middle-income individuals. DHA's mission is to serve the residents of Denver by developing, owning, and operating safe, decent, and affordable housing in a manner that promotes thriving communities. DHA has been creating vibrant communities and sustainable neighborhoods since 1938. For more information, visit www.denverhousing.org.