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Board Approves Employment Contract with Douglas Guthrie as President and CEO

Los Angeles – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) announced today the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the employment contract with Douglas Guthrie for the position of President and CEO.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Guthrie as the Interim President and CEO of HACLA in December 2011. Over 50 candidates applied for the position. On Friday, March 2, the Board conducted a public candidates forum with the two finalists. On March 6, the Board entered into contract negotiation with Douglas Guthrie for the position of President and CEO.

“I am extraordinarily enthusiastic about Doug becoming our President and CEO. Throughout the selection process which I chaired with the subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Freeman and Hernandez, Doug consistently distinguished himself with his experience, maturity, vision and I think we have absolutely the right person stewarding this agency, not just through the “rough” times which we had of late uncertain issues but really help fulfill the promise that we have to serve the needs of our residents,” said Chair Mitchell Kamin.

“I’d like to thank you for having faith that I’m the right person to lead this agency in the future. I couldn’t be more excited. This is a great organization doing excellent work and the story does not always get out like it should be. I look forward to getting more engaged with the staff here that I have been working with and the residents,” said Doug Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie will receive an annual base salary of \$260,000 and employee benefits consistent with those received by the agency’s at-will employees, as stipulated in the contract, to be effective April 9, 2012.

“It [The salary] was based upon a market analysis of comparable agencies within the city and outside in public housing realm. It was based on the understanding that organization of this size, budget of this magnitude requires a leader who is extraordinarily capable,” said Chair Kamin. “It was also important to us that aspects of this contract not resemble those prior contract.”



Mr. Guthrie joins HACLA from Los Angeles Housing Department, where he served as the General Manager since December 2009. Mr. Guthrie oversaw a staff of 600 and managed the City's primary affordable housing development programs which address affordable housing, transit oriented development, supportive housing for the homeless.

Before joining the City of Los Angeles, Mr. Guthrie was the President of Kimball Hill Urban Centers in Chicago, Ill, a developer of large scale mixed use and mixed income housing developments. Mr. Guthrie also held various positions in the City of Chicago, including Chief Operating Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority and Deputy Housing Commissioner. He began his career working for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Guthrie received a BA degree in sociology and Masters Degree in public administration from Kent State University in Ohio.

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