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NEVADA HOUSING COALITION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC) is pleased to announce its new Executive Committee effective January 1, 2024:

- Lorri Murphy, formerly of Ovation Development, will serve as Chair. Lorri has more than 40 years of experience in accounting, finance, and risk management in the real estate development and property management industries in the Las Vegas area. She led Ovation's efforts to develop affordable housing projects totaling over 3,000 units funded with Low Income Housing Tax Credits and other local and federal funding sources.
- Elaina Mulé, Director of Community Development at Charles Schwab Bank, will serve as Vice Chair. Based in Las Vegas, Elaina helps plan the Bank's community priority areas, develops strategies to maximize impact in each area, helps measure the Bank's community impact, and collaborates with multi-sector partners to meet community goals.
- Eric Novak, President of Praxis Consulting Group LLC, will serve as Treasurer. Based in Reno, Eric has over 35 years of experience in housing and human services policy and affordable housing finance. Since founding Praxis in 2004, he has assisted nonprofit, for-profit, and government organizations develop and finance over 95 affordable housing projects totaling 10,645 units and \$2.0 billion in financing.
- Emily Paulsen, Housing Program Manager for Anthem Nevada Medicaid, will serve as Secretary. Based in Las Vegas, Emily is responsible for overseeing the health plans statewide strategy to provide housing support for members experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Prior to joining Anthem, Emily served as the Executive Director of the Nevada Homeless Alliance where she led the organization's growth and development of programs focused on policy advocacy, outreach, and community-wide capacity building.
- Bill Brewer, Executive Director of Nevada Rural Housing and NHC's previous Chair, will serve as Chair Emeritus. Based in Carson City, Bill's first job in the housing business was almost 40 years ago. He has been with Nevada Rural Housing since 2013 and has extensive experience developing and implementing single- and multi-family

housing programs, fostering public-private partnerships, and overseeing all aspects of loan making and loan servicing.

“I’m excited and honored to continue the good work NHC has done under Bill Brewer’s stewardship,” said Lorri Murphy, Chair of the Nevada Housing Coalition’s Board of Directors. “In a short time, the Coalition has grown to over 300 members; implemented successful programs for capacity building, education, and outreach; and provided impactful advocacy during legislative sessions. I look forward to working with this great team and building upon the successes NHC has achieved.”

In addition to the new Executive Committee, NHC welcomes J.D. Klippenstein to the Board of Directors. J.D. serves as the Director of Development at Reno Housing Authority (RHA). Driven by his belief that housing is a human right, he has worked in homeless services, community organizing, and public policy. In his current role in RHA’s development department, he addresses Washoe County’s significant need for affordable housing by developing new units and preserving existing affordable housing.

“I am thrilled to welcome J.D. Klippenstein to our Board of Directors,” said Maurice Page, Executive Director of the Nevada Housing Coalition. “His expertise and vision are invaluable assets in our quest to create sustainable housing options for all Nevadans. Together, we are poised to make significant strides towards a brighter, more inclusive future for Nevada’s housing landscape.”

The Executive Committee will serve an initial term of one year, and J.D. will serve an initial three-year term. Remaining standing board members include Audra Hamernik, President & CEO of Nevada HAND; Rae Lathrop, Director at Desert Springs Community Resource Group; Pat Petrie, Neighborhood Services Administrator at City of Las Vegas; Mike Shohet, President of Compass Development; and Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas, Deputy Administrator at Nevada Housing Division. The Board of Directors works closely with NHC’s Executive Director, members, and stakeholders on affordable housing policy and solutions.

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About Nevada Housing Coalition

The Nevada Housing Coalition creates sustainable solutions through community awareness, capacity building, and advocacy to ensure housing options for all Nevadans. By collaborating with community leaders and industry experts, the critical lack of affordable housing is addressed with the goal of seeing every Nevadan with a safe, stable place to call home.