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## **NEVADA HOUSING COALITION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC) is pleased to announce its new Executive Committee effective January 1, 2026:

- J.D. Klippenstein, Deputy Executive Director of Reno Housing Authority, will serve as Chair. Based in Reno, J.D. is driven by his belief that housing is a human right. He has worked in homeless services, community organizing, public policy, and affordable housing development. His diverse experience helps him think creatively and holistically about affordable housing as he works to support housing development, asset management, and his agency's IT departments. J.D. is certified as a Rental Housing Development Finance Professional from Grow America.
- Mike Shohet, President of Compass Development, will serve as Vice Chair. Based in Las Vegas, Mike has over 30 years of experience in real estate development, construction, engineering, and project management. Over the past 23 years in Las Vegas, Mike has acquired in-depth market knowledge and cultivated close relationships with the development community, municipalities, and elected officials. He founded Compass Development in 2019 to serve the real estate development needs of investors, real estate users, and developers.
- 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 140 affordable housing projects totaling 16,200 units and \$4.0 billion in financing.
- Emily Bartlett, MSW, Housing Program Manager for Anthem Nevada Medicaid, will serve as Secretary. Based in Las Vegas, Emily is responsible for overseeing the health plan's 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.

“I’m honored to be stepping into the role of Chair for this incredible organization,” said J.D. Klippenstein, deputy executive director at Reno Housing Authority. “2026 is going to be a big year for NHC, and I am very much looking forward to working alongside my fellow board members as we advance the cause of affordable housing in Nevada.”

In addition to the new Executive Committee, NHC welcomes the following new board members:

- Arcelia Barajas: Director of Neighborhood Services, City of Las Vegas
- Charity Cage, CPA: Chief Financial Officer, Battle Born Specialties, LLC
- Mishon Hurst: Chief Executive Officer, Blue Bird Property, LLC
- Lewis Jordan: Executive Director, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
- Monica Kirch: Director, City of Reno
- David Paull: Executive Vice President, George Gekakis, Inc.

“We are incredibly fortunate to welcome such a strong and diverse group of leaders to the Nevada Housing Coalition’s Board of Directors,” said Maurice Page, executive director of the Nevada Housing Coalition. “Their collective expertise across development, finance, local government, and housing services will strengthen our ability to advance meaningful solutions and expand housing opportunities for communities across Nevada.”

Lorri Murphy of Ovation Development remains a standing board member. The Executive Committee will serve an initial term of one year, and the new board members will serve an initial 3-year term. The Board of Directors works closely with NHC’s Executive Director, Director of Communication & Marketing, members, and stakeholders on affordable housing policy and solutions.

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### About Nevada Housing Coalition

The Nevada Housing Coalition promotes the development and preservation of affordable housing for all Nevadans through collaboration, education, and advocacy. A 501(c)3 statewide nonprofit comprised of over 350 members, NHC works across sectors to address the critical lack of affordable housing with the vision of a Nevada where all residents have access to an affordable place to call home.