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## **Veteran Houston Housing Authority Leader Named Interim President & CEO**

*Houston* –A veteran leader of the Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners, has been named interim President & CEO of the Houston Housing Authority.

Tim Seckinger, a four-year member of the Houston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners replaces Ernie Etuk, who retired after nearly 30 years of service to the Housing Authority, including a decade at the helm of an agency that now serves more than 60,000 clients in Houston.

“Tim Seckinger is an experienced, dedicated public servant,” said David Minchberg, chair of the Board of Commissioners. “His great concern about the families of Houston and his knowledge of housing issues will serve our community very well as we begin a nationwide search for a new President & CEO of the agency.”

A member and former chair of the HHA board, Seckinger is president of Colliers International Property Management Services. He has more than 25 years of commercial real estate experience, including asset and portfolio management, property and facility management, leasing, investment and land sales, acquisitions, development, redevelopment, and property disposition. Seckinger will step down from his position on the board while he serves as interim President & CEO.

“Serving on the Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners and getting a chance to help serve so many families is truly an honor,” Seckinger said. “I will work hard as the interim leader of the Houston Housing Authority to fulfill the board’s confidence in me and make sure our community continues to receive excellent support and services. Public service is a privilege and a responsibility. I will bring that understanding to work with me every day.”

The HHA Board of Commissioners has begun a nationwide search for a new President & CEO. The search will be conducted “within the agency and throughout the nation to find the most knowledgeable, capable leader for this vitally important agency,” Minberg said.

Seckinger calls his interest in public service “a passion.” He says “the most important difference that an agency like the Houston Housing Authority can make is to affect one person at a time.”

In 2007, Seckinger created an internship program for HHA residents at his real estate firm as a way for residents to earn meaningful work experience. One of the people he helped was Myisha Tate, a young mother who brought her eight-year-old daughter to an HHA board meeting and talked about issues in her life.

Seckinger encouraged Myisha to participate in the internship program at Collier’s so she could generate some income for herself and her daughter. Soon after, Commissioner Seckinger saw where Myisha’s true talents were. “I found out while she was with the company that she was a very talented musician and songwriter,” Seckinger said. He helped her land a full-time position with a music production company, leading Myisha toward a career as a recording artist.

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes to more than 60,000 people throughout Houston. The agency and its affiliates own and operate 25 housing communities with more than 6,500 units for families, elderly and other residents. More information about HHA can be found at [www.housingforhouston.com](http://www.housingforhouston.com).

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