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## **MAYOR PARKER APPOINTS HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENT TO AGENCY'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HOUSTON**—Mayor Annise Parker appointed Houston Housing Authority resident Bobbie Figures to serve on the Houston Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Figures is the resident council president at the Housing Authority's Forest Green Townhomes where she has led the development of several new programs addressing adult literacy, parenting, summer meals, after-school tutoring and recreation for seniors. She has been a resident of Forest Green since 1998.

"As someone who lives in public housing, Ms. Figures' experiences are so important," said Mayor Annise Parker. "She is a visible leader who cares a lot about her community. Her unique perspective will be of great value to the rest of the board."

"Mayor Parker made an excellent choice in filling the resident commissioner seat on the Housing Authority's board," said David Minberg, Chair of the Houston Housing Authority. "Ms. Figures has been dedicated to the families and individuals of the Forest Green apartments. She works tirelessly on their behalf. I look forward to her making a valuable contribution to our board, this agency, and the residents we serve."

The Housing Authority is governed by a Board of Commissioners that sets policy and provides leadership to enable the agency to serve thousands of families, elderly and other individuals in need.

"I'm very excited to be able to sit on the board," said Figures, who has four grown children and is raising her five-year old great-granddaughter. "I love where I live and I love all of my residents. I will go above and beyond for them and they all know that."

Figures also currently serves as an officer for the citywide resident organization "Council of Development Presidents." For the past two years, she has served as the organization's treasurer, responsible for managing the group's financial affairs.

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 55,000 people throughout Houston. The agency and its affiliates own and operate 25 housing communities with about 5,500 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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