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## **Largest provider of affordable housing for Houston families taps housing expert to lead agency**

***Tory Gunsolley named Houston Housing Authority President and CEO***

HOUSTON— As federal funding for affordable housing tightens, the Houston Housing Authority today named veteran housing authority executive Tory Gunsolley as the agency’s new President and CEO, effective April 18.

The Houston Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Gunsolley, a housing industry leader who recently helped turnaround the Newark Housing Authority, to lead the agency after conducting a nationwide search for a new chief executive.

“The appointment of Tory Gunsolley is one more step on the road toward a more efficient, effective and transparent housing authority,” Houston Mayor Annise Parker said. “I know his contributions will help make a difference in what we are trying to achieve.”

As President and CEO, Gunsolley will oversee Houston Housing Authority services such as expanding affordable housing communities; upgrading homes; and providing self-sufficiency programs to help families, elderly, and other individuals in need. Forming public-private partnerships to help make these services possible will be critical as the need for more affordable housing increases and federal funding drops.

“Mr. Gunsolley brings a significant depth and breadth of experience and innovative thinking. He is exactly the right person to lead the Housing Authority as we move forward during these challenging economic times,” David Mincberg, Houston Housing Authority’s Chair of the Board of Commissioners said.

Gunsolley holds a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University—the highest ranked MPA program in the country. Prior to his post as Chief Administrative Officer at the Newark Housing Authority, which provides housing assistance to more than 30,000 individuals, Gunsolley spent ten years at the Cambridge Housing Authority in Massachusetts.

“I’m honored to accept the board’s offer to serve as President and CEO of the Houston Housing Authority,” Gunsolley said. “I care deeply about finding sustainable ways to provide affordable housing and serving hard-working families and others in need. I look forward to furthering the mission of the Houston Housing Authority.”

Gunsolley will succeed Tim Seckinger, who took the helm as Interim President and CEO in 2010.

“The board is greatly appreciative to Tim Seckinger for stepping in as Interim President and CEO. Tim made great sacrifices and did an outstanding job leading the agency for the last year. He helped transform the culture, fostered great communication, and set a terrific foundation on which the new CEO can now build,” said Mincberg.

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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