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## **LARENCE SNOWDEN JOINS HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HOUSTON**—Mayor Annise Parker has appointed LaRence Snowden, Director of Programs and Adjunct Professor at Texas Southern University’s Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs to serve a two year term on the Houston Housing Authority’s seven member Board of Commissioners.

“With Mr. Snowden’s experience and as a professor of public policy, this appointment will help bring a new perspective to HHA and advance our efforts to help Houstonians with their housing issues,” said Houston Mayor Annise Parker. “I know HHA’s efforts will be enhanced with Mr. Snowden on board.”

Snowden has a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master in Public Policy (MPP) from the University of Chicago. He has extensive experience in community development and policy implementation with a focus on urban development and renewal. Over the years, Snowden has managed the creation, development and implementation of a corporate policy regarding urban renewal with a focus on affordable multi-family development and commercial real estate transactions as a real estate broker. He recently launched his own firm, The Snowden Group, LLC.

“I am honored to be considered for this important post and look forward to serving the many Houstonians who receive services from the Houston Housing Authority,” Snowden stated. “It is my hope that I will be able to add true value in furthering the mission of the Houston Housing Authority.”

Snowden’s experience and expertise will be an asset to the Board as the Housing Authority begins its multi-year campaign to add over 1,000 units to the City’s affordable housing stock over the next two years.

At its January meeting, the Board of Commissioners unanimously elected Lance Gilliam to serve as the Board's new Chairman, a position previously held by outgoing Chairman, David Minceberg. Snowden fills the Board vacancy created by Minceberg's departure.

**ABOUT HHA:**

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 60,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,500 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city. HHA administers the nation's third largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans. More information about HHA can be found at [www.housingforhouston.com](http://www.housingforhouston.com).

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