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Boulder Housing Partners Announces New Executive Director

Boulder, CO--Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) has named Jeremy Durham as their new Executive Director.

Durham will start work on June 19, applying skills and expertise gained at three different housing authorities in Boulder County and Denver. He has served as BHP's Director of Real Estate Development since November 2015; was a senior development program manager at Denver Housing Authority prior to that and was legal counsel and project manager for Boulder County Housing and Human Services from 2010 to 2014.

"The Board was impressed by Jeremy's vision, passion, intellect and strong support from the community, said Karen Klerman, Chair of BHP's Board of Commissioners. "We are confident that he will continue the legacy of leadership and innovative housing solutions that the community has come to expect from BHP."

As head of real estate development at BHP, Durham negotiated the acquisition of Tantra Lake Apartments, for conversion into a 185-unit mixed-income apartment community; the acquisition of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, in partnership with Fraisier, for development of new affordable senior apartment homes; and directed planning for Palo Park, a new affordable apartment community now under construction.

"I look forward to building on BHP's national reputation for progressive, sustainable provision of affordable housing and supportive services," said Durham. "We'll grow our public and private relationships and continue to expand the number of homes affordable to people in Boulder."

At the Denver Housing Authority (DHA), Durham managed land acquisition and planning for a 175-unit senior apartment community that will feature a first-floor health clinic and adult day center. He secured rights to develop a 72-unit affordable apartment community at the former Lowry Air Force Base.

Prior to that, Durham helped to structure and formalize the merger of the Boulder County Housing Authority and Boulder County Human Services Department into one organizational entity. He also guided the merger of the Louisville Housing Authority into the Boulder County Housing Authority.



Durham holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Colorado.

He replaces long-time executive director Betsey Martens, who will step down in mid-June to dedicate herself full-time to one of BHP's signature projects called Bringing School Home.

About Boulder Housing Partners

Boulder Housing Partners has been the housing authority for the City of Boulder for 51 years. BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable housing for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful, productive, and dignified lives. BHP is one of a select group of public housing authorities in the United States participating in the prestigious Moving to Work program, which encourages innovation by providing flexibility in the use of federal funds. Its communities have won national and international awards for sustainability and affordable housing development. For additional information on BHP, please visit <u>www.boulderhousing.org</u>

