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Affordable Housing Leader Hunter L. Johnson Retires from LINC Housing Board of Directors Appoints New President and CEO

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 4, 2014 - LINC Housing's board of directors today announced the retirement of LINC President and CEO Hunter L. Johnson, who served the nonprofit organization for more than 18 years. Johnson hands over the leadership role to Rebecca Clark, a longtime affordable housing expert and past consultant to LINC Housing, effective Nov. 10, 2014.

"The board of directors is grateful to Hunter for his two decades of commitment to LINC Housing," said Mark Montoya, LINC's chairman of the board. "The organization has thrived under his leadership, and his contributions have helped LINC become one of the most creative, successful and committed housing organizations in the region. We're confident that Becky has the perfect combination of experience and passion for the cause to carry on LINC's mission."

Under Johnson's leadership, LINC has grown into one of the most productive nonprofit affordable housing builders in California. When he started at LINC, the company had about 1,000 units in its portfolio. Today, LINC can take credit for helping to develop more than 7,500 homes in 73 communities throughout California. In addition, Johnson was instrumental in the launch of the LINC Cares residents services department and SEED Partners, a mission driven energy and water services company.

"Spending two decades with the same organization makes it a part of who you are," said Johnson. "It's been my pleasure to work with such a talented staff and dedicated volunteer board. I'm pleased that Becky will take the reins, and I know she'll provide excellent leadership and direction to the organization."

Clark brings more than 25 years of experience to the Long Beach-based nonprofit. She founded Clark Consulting Group, a consulting firm that provides expertise on affordable housing and community development to clients throughout California, including LINC Housing. Prior to establishing her consulting firm, Clark served as CEO to National Community Renaissance and executive vice president at BRIDGE Housing.

"LINC has built a strong reputation during its 30-year history," said Clark. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to help forward LINC's mission. The whole affordable housing landscape is changing, and I'm ready to work with the LINC team to help define the new normal for our industry. We're going to continue to make an important impact on Californians who need secure, healthy housing with supportive services."

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