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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO LEAD THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AGENCY

Board of Supervisors Gives Unanimous Approval

Alhambra, February 20, 2018 – Today, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously approved the appointment of Monique King-Viehlend as the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA). Mrs. King-Viehlend previously served as Acting Executive Director since October 17, 2017, overseeing 580 full-time employees and an annual budget in excess of \$457 million.



Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the Board, shared, “In these times, when Los Angeles is facing an acute affordable housing crisis, the leadership at the CDC/HACoLA is of vital importance. I am confident that Monique King-Viehlend will bring her deep understanding of the daunting challenges of homelessness and affordable housing to the

job and will apply her experience and leadership skills to ensure that every person in the County has a decent place to live.”

Mrs. King-Viehland first came to the agency in 2015, as the Deputy Executive Director over community and economic development programs. Prior to that, she served as Director of the Department of Housing & Economic Development for the City of Trenton, New Jersey. Under Mrs. King-Viehland’s leadership, the Department managed the planning and development activities of the City government and offered a variety of programs and services, ranging from developing affordable housing to recruiting businesses to locate in the City of Trenton.

Mrs. King-Viehland is a seasoned public sector executive serving in leadership roles at municipal, county, and state levels. Mrs. King-Viehland has over twenty years of experience in housing, community, and economic development, primarily in the area of real estate development. She served the State of New Jersey as Executive Director of the Capital City Redevelopment Authority, a state agency charged with facilitating redevelopment in the capital city. She is also the former Director of Area Development and President of Campus Gateway Development, Inc., (CGD) a subsidiary of NJIT. In 2012, she was recognized for her efforts, as #44 in the NJBIZ “Power 50” in Real Estate.

Mrs. King-Viehland has a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie Mellon University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College, Northampton, MA, where she graduated with honors.

“I appreciate the support and confidence the Board of Supervisors expressed in my ability to effectively lead the agency in this new era of unprecedented challenges, but also extraordinary opportunities,” stated Mrs. King-Viehland. “My vision for the agency is to go beyond ‘building better lives and better neighborhoods,’ and to position ourselves as a forward thinking, industry leader in the provision of services aimed at disrupting the cycle of generational poverty and homelessness, and developing cross-functional programs that don’t just create a safety net, but rather, a springboard for the people we serve.”

Mrs. King-Viehland will be the first woman and African-American to take the helm of the 35-year old agency.

The CDC/HACoLA is a creative and innovative public organization comprised of skilled professionals committed to Building Better Lives and Better Neighborhoods for the residents of Los Angeles County. As an affordable housing, and community and economic development agency, the CDC/HACoLA offers a wide range of programs benefiting residents and business owners in unincorporated County areas and various incorporated cities.

For more information on the CDC/HACoLA, please visit www.lacdc.org. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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