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## **Virginia Housing Announces Appointment of Interim CEO**

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Virginia Housing’s Board of Commissioners has announced the appointment of Janet Wiglesworth as the housing finance agency’s Interim Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2024.

Wiglesworth is currently the Chief Operations Officer where she oversees Virginia Housing’s ongoing operations—including Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications and Executive Services. She began her career at Virginia Housing in 1998 as the Business Systems Manager and has also served as Managing Director of Information Technology and Managing Director of Homeownership before being named COO in 2018. Wiglesworth is an active member of the National Council of State Housing Agencies and has also served on the Virginia Mortgage Lenders Association Board and Virginia Credit Union Board.

The appointment comes following the announcement of the upcoming retirement of Susan Dewey, who served as CEO of Virginia Housing since 1999. Dewey will work closely with the Board of Commissioners and the leadership team to ensure a smooth transition until her departure on December 31, 2023. Virginia Housing’s Board of Commissioners is conducting a nationwide search for a permanent successor to Dewey and expect to announce her successor sometime early next year.

“The Board is confident in the ability of Janet Wiglesworth to lead Virginia Housing through the transition of leadership and to support us in the search for the next Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Housing.” said Thomas A. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Virginia Housing.

“I am honored to accept the appointment as Interim CEO of Virginia Housing, and I am grateful for the trust and support from our Board,” said Janet Wiglesworth. “Together with our dedicated team, we will continue our commitment to delivering on Virginia Housing’s mission of ensuring all Virginians have access to quality, affordable housing.”

For more information about the leadership team at Virginia Housing, click [here](#).

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By investing in the power of home, Virginia Housing transforms where and how thousands of Virginians live and thrive, strengthening communities and the economy. Founded in 1972 as the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), Virginia Housing has worked for over 50 years in partnership with the public and private sectors to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. While receiving no state taxpayer dollars, Virginia Housing raises money in capital markets to provide mortgages to first-time homebuyers, financing for rental developments and neighborhood

revitalization efforts. Virginia Housing invests in innovations in affordable housing, and makes homes for people with disabilities and older Virginians more livable.