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Virginia Housing CEO Susan Dewey Announces Retirement

RICHMOND, VA- Virginia Housing today announced that longtime CEO Susan Dewey will retire effective 12/31/2023.

Dewey has led Virginia Housing since 1999, and previously served for three years as Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia and was an ex-officio Virginia Housing Commissioner.

During her tenure as chief executive officer, Dewey played a critical role in growing the independent, self-supporting authority that is responsible for addressing the statewide housing affordability needs of low- and moderate-income Virginians.

Due to her vision and leadership, Virginia is considered one of the top state housing finance agencies in the country. She was recognized in June 2023 by her peers as one of three recipients of the National Housing Conference's (NHC) Housing Visionary Award.

"A lot has changed since I first began working in state government more than four decades ago, but my commitment to serving Virginians, especially related to safe, affordable housing, has remained a guiding force throughout my career," Dewey said. "It's been my greatest professional honor to work with Virginia Housing leaders and dedicated employees, and with our private and public sector partners, to fulfill our mission of helping all Virginians attain quality, affordable housing.

"I leave knowing that Virginia Housing is well-positioned for success for the next 50 years," she added.

"Under Susan's leadership, Virginia Housing made critical and timely strategic changes over the years to position us for success. We thank her for her dedication and wish her only the best in retirement." – Bill Shelton, Chairman of the Virginia Housing Board of Commissioners.

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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.