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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCED
THE CREATION OF THE BROWNSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PLAN
COMMITTEE

BROWNSVILLE TX JULY 18, 2018: Yesterday, Tuesday, July 17, 2018, the City of Brownsville, together with the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officially announced the creation of the committee that will work together to develop the City of Brownsville's first Comprehensive Housing Plan.

Members of this committee include: Patricio Sampayo, HACB Chairman; John F. Cowen Jr., HACB Vice-Chairman; Miguel Herrera, HACB CFO; Francesca Linder, Zoning and Subdivision Administrator for the City of Brownsville; Marina Zolezzi, Director of Grant Management & Community Development for the City of Brownsville; Nick Mitchell Bennett, Executive Director of the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville; Raul Garcia, CDBG Community Development Coordinator for Cameron County; Hilda Ledezma, Community Services Director for HACB; Efren Trujillo, Assistant Director of Grant

Management & Community Development for the City of Brownsville; and Carla Mancha, CEO of HACB will be serving as Chairwoman of this committee.

Ms. Mancha stated that based on population and household trends, it is estimated that Brownsville will be home to an additional 10,000 households by 2030. This will mean that Brownsville will need to meet the demand of 10,000 additional homes which will equate to a one billion dollar investment into the local economy.

“On behalf of HACB, I would like to thank Ms. Zuleika Morales, HUD San Antonio Field Office Director for working with our community on the great endeavor that will bring forth a strategy to not only preserve our current housing stock but guide our growth to year 2030 and beyond”, said Ms. Mancha.

The creation of this committee aligns with the HACB’s Strategic Plan Goal 3 - Create resilient communities through collaborative initiatives and leveraging of resources, which maximize HACB’s partnership and leadership opportunities.

The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville is a High Performing Housing Authority for both the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing program. HACB serves over 3,600 low-income families in our community. HACB is the twelfth largest housing authority in the State of Texas and the largest south of San Antonio, Texas. HACB has authority to administer 2,582 Housing Choice Vouchers, operates and manages four Public Housing developments, six RAD properties and is the General Partner to nine tax credit developments all located within the City of Brownville. It is the mission of the HACB to provide access to affordable, quality housing, and achieve self-sufficiency through education and collaborative partnerships, for all residents of our community.

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