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MICHAEL P. KELLY OFFICIALLY STEPS DOWN AS DHCD DIRECTOR

Polly Donaldson will replace Kelly as the Department head.

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WASHINGTON, DC – The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Director Michael P. Kelly will officially step down as the Department head on Friday, January 2, 2015. Kelly reflects on his tenure at DHCD and congratulates incoming Director, Polly Donaldson.

“It has truly been an honor to work with Mayor Vincent C. Gray and his administration, our development partners and community based organizations to address the varying housing needs of District residents and revitalize underserved communities throughout the District. My experience with DHCD has been nothing short of remarkable since I came into this position. We have seen a 300% increase in the number of affordable units in our pipeline and a 412% increase in the funds we disperse to development projects,” said Director Kelly. *“I want to congratulate Polly Donaldson on securing the nomination as the next DHCD Director. She is a very influential leader in affordable housing and her keen ability to identify and address the needs of our homeless, and disabled demographics will be a resourceful asset to the Department. I wish her, the agency and all of its partners prosperity and success as they embark on DHCD's next chapter.”*

Media seeking interviews can coordinate with the media contact outlined above.

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The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.