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**Mayor Bowser Appointees to Housing-related Boards Sworn In**  
*Susanne Slater named New Chair of Housing Production Trust Fund Advisory Board*

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(WASHINGTON, DC) – The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced today that Mayor Muriel Bowser’s five appointees to housing-related boards were officially sworn in. Among them are Susanne V. Slater, president and CEO for Habitat for Humanity of Washington, DC, the new chairman of the District’s Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) Advisory Board.

Also sworn in were two members each to the Rental Housing Commission and DC Housing Financing Agency (DCHFA) Board.

*“The Housing Production Trust Fund Advisory Board is a critical resource in creating more affordable housing across all eight wards,” said Mayor Muriel Bowser. “I appointed Suzanne Slater as Board Chair because of her deep experience in housing issues. Now, she and the Board can move forward in providing valuable guidance on managing HPTF resources. I also applaud the addition of several members to both the Rental Housing Commission and HFA Board. These actions will help ensure that every Washingtonian has a fair shot at a good life in the District of Columbia.”*

The HPTF provides financial assistance to both nonprofit and for-profit developers of affordable housing in the District. The advisory board, which provides recommendations to the Mayor on the fund’s development, financing and operation, consists of nine members who represent various entities interested in the production or preservation of affordable housing.

HPTF Board Chair Slater was appointed by Mayor Bowser on January 14, 2016, confirmed by the City Council on April 22, 2016 and sworn in on June 23, 2016. She’s been the Executive Director of DC Habitat for Humanity since 2010 and has over 20 years of experience in affordable housing, policy development and management of public private partnerships. Slater is also chairperson of the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED).

“We look forward to working with Ms. Slater and other HPTF Advisory Board Members as we collectively advance affordable housing in DC,” said Polly Donaldson, Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development and ex-officio member of the board.

The new RHC members were confirmed July 12 and were sworn in July 18. They are: (1) Diana Epps, a Title IX officer at the San Jose State University who served for 12 years as a magistrate judge at DC Superior Court; and (2) Michael Spencer, a labor and employee relations specialist at the DC Department of Behavioral Health who has worked as a real estate attorney.

Two new DCHFA board members were confirmed July 12: (1) Stanley Jackson, president/CEO of the Anacostia Development Corporation—also sworn in July 12; and (2) Sheila Miller, vice president of the National Association of Home Builders—sworn in July 18.

This announcement comes a few weeks after the first annual “June Housing Bloom,” Mayor Bowser’s month-long initiative that showcases how the public and private sectors are partnering to produce and preserve affordable housing, and revitalize neighborhoods across the District.

Since taking office, Mayor Bowser has made affordable housing a major focus of her Administration. The District has added more than 3,400 total affordable housing units between July 2014 and July 2015. Over 5,300 units of affordable housing are currently in the development pipeline, which will house nearly 12,000 District residents.

On June 11, the Mayor’s Housing Preservation Strike Force unveiled six recommendations on how the District can preserve its existing affordable housing covenants set to expire by 2020.

Earlier this year, the Mayor announced nearly \$90 million in affordable housing opportunities that will provide more than 800 affordable housing units for an estimated 1,760 DC residents. These units are being funded by the HPTF, part of the historic \$100 million commitment the Mayor has made in her budget each year.

Not only is this commitment historic for the District, it is unprecedented among U.S. cities. The nation’s capital leads most states in housing trust fund investment. Out of four states that reported collecting more than \$50 million in FY2015—Florida, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut—only Florida exceeded the District’s \$100 million investment.