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## **Michael Gerber Joins TDHCA as Executive Director**

(AUSTIN) — A new era began last week at the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) as Michael Gerber joined the staff as the agency's new Executive Director.

"I am confident that Mr. Gerber will provide strong and effective leadership for the Department, and I commend the Board on its decision," wrote Governor Rick Perry in a letter to Elizabeth Anderson, TDHCA Board Chair, officially supporting the Board action. The Governor is required to review and approve the selection of the Department's Executive Director.

"The entire Board and staff of TDHCA look forward to a close and successful working relationship with Michael, and we are confident that he has the skills and experience to lead this agency into the future," Anderson said. "The Board considers itself fortunate to be able to tap someone with his insight, integrity, and vision. I am certain that the combination of his housing knowledge and experience in shaping and implementing policy at the highest levels of state government will serve TDHCA well."

TDHCA's Board offered him the position in April, and Gerber spent the past few weeks preparing both for his departure from his previous position and for his new position as the top executive of the state's lead agency on affordable housing and community assistance programs.

Gerber comes to TDHCA from Governor Rick Perry's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy. He served the Governor for two years in this capacity, acting as staff liaison between Governor Perry and the Department as well as several other key state agencies. Gerber also worked closely with the TDHCA Board and staff in coordinating the state's housing response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Department has played a significant role in housing evacuees from Hurricane Katrina and providing funds to areas impacted by Hurricane Rita to assist in the recovery effort.

Prior to joining the Governor's staff, Gerber spent 16 years in Washington, D.C., most recently with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. From 2002 to 2004 he served as an advisor first to the Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing and then to the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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He also served as Legislative Assistant in the office of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison from 1997 to 2001 and in the same capacity for Senator Phil Gramm from 1990 to 1997. Gerber received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and an MBA from Marymount University.

He is replacing TDHCA's former Executive Director, Edwina Carrington, who in February stepped down from her position with the State to accept a private sector job.

*The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community and energy assistance programs, and colonia activities. The Department annually administers funds in excess of \$400 million, the majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.*