



## GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION

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### **GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION NAMES LINDSEY S. REAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, February 9, 2021—The Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) is pleased to welcome Lindsey S. Reames as the public housing agency's new Executive Director. Ms. Reames will officially assume this role on March 1.

Ms. Reames has 30 years of experience in affordable, subsidized and public housing administration, including demonstrated leadership experience; for the past six years she has been based in Michigan where she has served as the Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Field Operations, Public and Indian Housing, for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In that role, she has been the principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary on all matters involving program policy and implementation, human resources, contracting, management, administration and special initiatives. Ms. Reames' ability to analyze complex programs and develop effective, results-oriented implementation plans have earned her several HUD awards, including an Exceptional Field Operations Award in 2020 and a Special Recognition Award in 2017.

During her decades in management positions with HUD, Ms. Reames has gained hands-on expertise in the operation and administration of public housing authorities; she has provided oversight and technical assistance to help numerous housing authorities overcome challenges that impeded their ability to meet HUD program requirements. From

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2005-2008 she was the Federal Receiver at the Detroit Housing Commission where she oversaw the development and implementation of new policies and procedures that helped the agency address and resolve serious administrative, financial and management concerns. Ms. Reames' educational achievements include a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Davenport College of Business.

“Lindsey’s extensive knowledge of HUD programs and housing authority operations, her community relations acumen, and her ability to plan, implement and evaluate innovative housing initiatives make her uniquely qualified to undertake the duties of Executive Director for our agency,” noted GRHC President Bobbie Butler. “The Housing Commission and our staff look forward to working with Lindsey to address the critical shortage of affordable housing in our community.”

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**BACKGROUND:** The Grand Rapids Housing Commission was established by the Grand Rapids City Commission in 1966 as a public-body corporation under the state enabling law now known as Public Act 18. The law empowers the City to act to provide housing for low-income people and to eliminate substandard housing conditions.

Funded primarily through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Grand Rapids Housing Commission is an independently administered entity governed by a five-member board appointed by the City Manager and approved by the City Commission. The Housing Commission currently makes affordable housing available to 4,655 West Michigan families through a diverse portfolio of housing programs.