

## **NEWS RELEASE/MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf Appoints Anne E. Griffith to the Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Oakland, CA—The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Griffith to its Board of Commissioners. Ms. Griffith was approved unanimously by the Oakland City Council on November 29, 2016 and sworn in January 13, 2017.

Ms. Griffith joins the OHA Board, bringing nearly 20 years of experience delivering awareness of and investment in community revitalization and affordable housing development. She currently serves as Senior Program Director with Enterprise Community Partners, Northern California, where she works with a wide range of stakeholders involved in the revitalization of public housing and in the production and preservation of affordable housing in the Bay Area. She also provides facilitation support and technical assistance to the City of San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, the San Francisco Housing Authority, and the Marin Housing Authority.

Ms. Griffith's vast experience also includes acquisitions, public policy, program research and evaluation, as well as community engagement and social entrepreneurship. Her commitment to ensuring affordable housing and self-determination in the San Francisco Bay Area can be most felt in underserved communities that experience limited investment leading to reduced opportunity and multi-generational poverty.

"OHA's is excited to be working with Ms. Griffith in the coming years. She brings with her a wealth of ideas and experience to our Board as we face unprecedented challenges at the Federal level," said Eric Johnson, OHA's Executive Director.

A curious observer of human behavior, Ms. Griffith applies her UC Berkeley Bachelor of Sociology and New York University Master of Urban Planning and Law Degrees to good use in the fight for social justice. OHA welcomes Ms. Griffith to its family and the work we do on behalf of families in Oakland, CA.

The seven-member Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing OHA policy and making critical decisions about its real estate investment portfolio and Oakland's housing supply. Griffith is joined on the Commission by Chair Gregory Hartwig, Vice Chair Marlene Hurd, and Commissioners, Janny Castillo, Donna Griggs-Murphy, Lynette Jung Lee and Barbara Montgomery.

## **About Oakland Housing Authority**

Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing choices to over 16,400 households in a service-oriented environment, while improving and expanding the housing options for future generations. For more information about the Oakland Housing Authority, please contact us at info@oakha.org, visit our website at www.oakha.org, or call 510-874-1653.

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