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**SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION HIRES ACCOUNTING,
FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVE
LESLIE R. LEVINSON AS VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF
FINANCIAL OFFICER**

SAN DIEGO, CA—Leslie R. Levinson, who has 24 years of experience in accounting, finance, risk management and real estate, has been hired as Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC).

Levinson previously served as Vice President/Chief Financial Officer & Strategic Planning at the San Diego Foundation. In that position, Levinson provided oversight of all financial, budget, administrative, facilities and information technology operations, and managed donations and subsequent disposition of real estate assets for the Foundation.

Prior to her position at the San Diego Foundation, Levinson was Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer at Pierce Education Properties, L.P., of San Diego, a real estate investment and development firm serving educational institutions and communities. In this position Levinson oversaw a student Housing Management Company from its inception through the management of a 5,500-resident, seven-property student housing portfolio.

As Vice President & Chief Financial Officer at SDHC, Levinson will oversee an operating budget of \$337.3 million in Fiscal Year 2015. She will be responsible for the agency's financial strategy, budgeting, forecasting and all financial reporting. She will oversee financial aspects of a \$322 million loan portfolio consisting of 2,765 loans, and a \$119.8 million investment portfolio.

“We feel fortunate to have someone of Leslie Levinson’s caliber at the San Diego Housing Commission as we continue to develop affordable housing and solutions to homelessness through innovative public-private partnerships,” said Richard C. Gentry, SDHC President & CEO.

Levinson was named 2014 Chief Financial Officer of the Year in the category of small non-profits by *The San Diego Business Journal*. Levinson also is a former chief financial officer for the San Diego State University Research Foundation, where her many responsibilities included managing grants and contracts. She held previous positions at Flagship Bank and KPMG.

Levinson is a graduate of San Diego State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She is licensed by the State of California as a certified public accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Levinson began her position at SDHC on October 28.

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