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### **Brighton Housing Authority's Executive Director Joseph Espinosa Moving on to New Opportunities**

**BRIGHTON, CO – July 16, 2021** – Joseph A. Espinosa, Executive Director of the Brighton Housing Authority (BHA), has announced his intention to step down from his current position effective August 12<sup>th</sup>. Espinosa provided notice of his intent to the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Espinosa joined BHA in 2010, and since that time has been a driving force behind the housing authority's growth and success. BHA has experienced several accomplishments over the course of Espinosa's leadership, including increasing the supply of affordable housing in the City of Brighton to nearly five hundred (500) units through the development of four (4) tax credit awarded projects: Brighton Village II, Libretto I/II, and Windmill Ranch. Espinosa also led BHA through (2) Rental Assistance Demonstration Conversions/Rehabilitations and the acquisition of Hughes Station, as well as creating several award-winning services such as the BizLaunch Program and the Career and College Launch Program. Awards received during Espinosa's time have included the Eagle Award from Housing Colorado (2017), the City of Brighton Economic Development Excellence in Community Partnership Award (2014, 2018), the DRCOG Community Partnership Gold Award (2014), and the Hispanic Advisory Council Lifetime Achievement Award (2016).

BHA Board Chair Michelle Miller said, "Espinosa's vision and leadership as Executive Director will be greatly missed by the staff, the Board, and partners alike. Espinosa's leadership, knowledge of the affordable housing industry, and ability to forge partnerships across sectors have provided BHA with a blueprint for success in years to come. Espinosa's decision leaves BHA in an extraordinarily strong position for continued sustainable growth. The Board wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors as he transitions to the next exciting chapter of his professional career and looks forward to exploring potential future opportunities whereby he may be able to support our community and other communities in meeting affordable housing needs"

Espinosa said, "While a decision of this magnitude is difficult to make, I am proud of having had the opportunity to work with such a wide array of passionate, intelligent, and dedicated individuals that do such vital work in Brighton and the affordable housing community abroad. It has been an immense honor to be of service for more than a decade and I look forward to seeing BHA accomplish many more successes in the years to come. I want to thank the BHA Board and staff, the City of Brighton, and all of our committed partners across the state for their ongoing support of the affordable housing mission and to our community."

Espinosa's last day will be August 12, 2021, at which point a successor or interim Executive Director will be named. An event to commemorate Espinosa's tenure will be announced at a later date.

**About Brighton Housing Authority**

The Brighton Housing Authority is a body corporate and politic created and existing under the Housing Authorities Law of the State of Colorado whose mission is to provide affordable housing to low- and moderate-income people. In addition to public housing, housing authorities also provide other types of subsidized housing. The Brighton Housing Authority serves the entire City of Brighton.

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