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**Debra Bristol named Brighton Housing Authority's new Executive Director**

**BRIGHTON, CO – December 6, 2021** – The Brighton Housing Authority (BHA) Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Debra Bristol as Executive Director of the Housing Authority at the November 18th, 2021 board meeting. Bristol served as Interim Executive Director since August of 2021.

Michelle Miller, BHA Board Chair said, “We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Debra Bristol as the Executive Director of the Brighton Housing Authority. With Debra’s extensive knowledge and experience in affordable housing, we feel that she is a true asset to the Housing Authority. We are excited to work with Debra in her new capacity as she leads the Brighton Housing Authority in meeting the affordable housing needs of our community.”

Bristol has been with BHA since 2018 helping to grow the organization in her previous roles as Chief Operations Manager and Chief of Staff. She has administered over \$3.5 million in grants and worked closely with a diverse range of nonprofits and local entities to assist in the creation of programs and strategies to meet community needs.

Bristol comes to this role with extensive experience in executive management, organizational operations, and development within the affordable housing sector. Prior to joining BHA, her accomplishments were acting as project lead for the development of the Balanced Housing Plan for Adams County, working with affordable housing funding mechanisms across Adams County and the City of Aurora, and developing an affordable housing plan for the Gold Corridor running through Denver, Wheat Ridge, and Arvada. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Colorado State University and a Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado Denver.

Bristol said, “I’ve had the privilege of working alongside several knowledgeable individuals, including BHA’s previous executive director, over the last several years. Those experiences have further grown my passion for promoting and developing affordable housing opportunities. I look forward to continuing to work with the organization’s amazing staff and Board to create strategies that encourage access to attainable housing for the Brighton community.”

As Executive Director, Bristol will be in charge of implementing BHA’s strategic plan, forwarding the mission of providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income residents and helping to promote and cultivate opportunities for residents to become economically self-sufficient.

### **About the 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. BHA is a rapidly growing housing developer and services provider in the Brighton community. The Housing Authority focuses on services and development opportunities that encompass new affordable housing development, preservation of affordable housing stock, and the administration of critical programs focused on housing stability and self-sufficiency. The organization works with an array of partners in the health, workforce, education, economic, advocacy, and governmental sectors to benefit the Brighton community.

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