

MADAME CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS...

I WANT TO WISH GREGG FORTNER THE BEST OF LUCK AS HE LEAVES HIS POST AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MIAMI-DADE'S PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY WHERE HE MANAGED ONE OF THE LARGEST HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN THE NATION.

GREGG IS A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOW- AND MODERATE INCOME WORKING FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS AND ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

HE HAS OVER TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE WORKING AT VARIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY AND SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING AUTHORITY.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, GREGG OVERSAW THE MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE, MODERNIZATION, DEVELOPMENT AND RESIDENT SERVICES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AS WELL AS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF ITS SECTION 8 PROGRAMS.

HE IS CREDITED WITH SUCCESSFULLY LEADING THE EFFORT TO COMPLETE SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITIES REDEVELOPED THROUGH THE HOPE VI PROGRAM.

HE ALSO HELD NUMEROUS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AT SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, GREGG WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNERS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOW-AND MODERATE INCOME WORKING FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS AND ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT DURING GREGG'S TENURE, WE WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE REHABILITATION OF SEVERAL OF OUR PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILDINGS...

INCLUDING THE DANTE FASCELL, SOUTH MIAMI PLAZA, STIRRUP PLAZA, AND JOE MORETTI BUILDINGS.

AND WE DID SO BY PARTNERING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BRING BETTER PUBLIC HOUSING OPTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

UNDER GREGG'S LEADERSHIP, THIS IS AMONG THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN DECADES.

OUR LOSS IS THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS' GAIN AS GREGG WILL BE RETURNING HOME TO LEND HIS EXPERTISE TO THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HOUSING AGENCY.

I WANT TO THANK GREGG FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE AND WISH HIM ALL THE BEST IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

