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David Misky Elected Chair of CDFA's Board of Directors

—New Officer Slate Confirmed for 2024—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce that David Misky has been elected Chair of the CDFA Board of Directors, after serving as Vice Chair since 2022. The announcement was shared at CDFA's National Development Finance Summit—held November 8-10, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA—where over 300 attendees welcomed David to this position.

"CDFA is so fortunate to have Dave as our new Board Chair. His years of experience in the finance industry and business and housing development, coupled with his passion and determination, will help CDFA continue its role as the leading voice of the development finance industry," said CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner.

David Misky is the Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, an independent corporation of City government that has a mission to eliminate blighting conditions that inhibit neighborhood reinvestment, foster and promote business expansion and job creation, and facilitate new business and housing development. He has 28 years of experience in real estate and economic development with a strong focus on creative financing and environmental issues. David holds a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Master of Science in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"This is an exciting time to be part of CDFA as the organization continues to be a national leader in the development finance industry. CDFA represents hundreds of public development finance authorities and private/non-profit development entities through education, advocacy, research, and resources. The list of CDFA's accomplishments has grown significantly over the past few years, working within the American Rescue Plan Act and identifying opportunities for their members," said David. "The organization has adapted to the changes in development finance over the past 41 years and will continue to evolve to represent its members. I am extremely honored to serve as the Chair of such an impressive Board of Directors that will continue to guide senior leadership and staff in providing the expertise our members expect."

David oversees the City of Milwaukee's Real Estate programs, including residential and commercial foreclosures, City-developed eco-industrial developments, and Brownfield redevelopment. David and his team manage developments of all sizes, ranging from small, vacant residential lots to vast economic drivers that address gap financing, development plans, zoning changes, stormwater management, and environmental aspects of remediation and sustainability. These projects include leading the City's efforts in a \$450 million cleanup of the rivers and harbor in the community and consist of developments in each of Milwaukee's seven industrial districts and along the three rivers of the City and Lake Michigan.

Additionally, Sue Honsel, Economic Development District Manager, City of Dallas, was elected Vice Chair. Lori Matheus, Senior Vice President of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, was elected Secretary. Steve Johnson, Director of Community Development, CHFA, will continue to serve as Treasurer. Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, was elected Officer-In-Waiting. The new officers will serve in their positions through the CDFA National Development Finance Summit in November 2024.

The **Council of Development Finance Agencies** is a national association dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests. CDFA is comprised of the nation's leading and most knowledgeable members of the development finance community representing public, private, and non-profit entities alike. For more information about CDFA, visit www.cdfa.net.

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