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Sue Hounsel Elected Chair of CDFA's Board of Directors

— New CDFA Board Officers Announced for 2026 —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce that **Sue Hounsel, Senior Manager in the City of Dallas Office of Economic Development (OED)**, has been elected Chair of the CDFA Board of Directors, after serving as Vice Chair since 2023. The announcement was shared at CDFA's National Development Finance Summit—held October 8-10, 2025, in San Juan, Puerto Rico—where over 200 attendees welcomed Ms. Hounsel to this position. She takes over for former Chair, **David Misky, Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee**.

"CDFA is so fortunate to have Sue as our new Board Chair. Her years of experience in economic development, coupled with her steadfast commitment to transforming communities, will help CDFA continue its role as the leading voice of the development finance industry," said **CDFA President & CEO Toby Rittner**. "CDFA sincerely thanks David Misky for his two years of service as Board Chair."

"I was honored to lead such a distinguished Board of Directors over the past two years and proud of the relationship the Board has with Toby and the CDFA team in shaping the direction of the organization," shares Mr. Misky. "In these incredibly unusual times in development finance, it is critical to have an organization like CDFA to be a steady voice that represents the industry."

Sue Hounsel is a Senior Manager in the City of Dallas Office of Economic Development (OED) and has been employed with the City of Dallas since 2002. During this time her catalyst project achievements include the transformation of the Design District into an eclectic urban neighborhood, development of the Lake Highlands Town Center, mixed-income housing developments in the Bishop Arts area, TOD developments including Lancaster Urban Village, and the creation of the 4315 Innovation Center for workforce development. She has over twenty-seven years of experience in urban planning and economic development.

"I am excited to step into the Chair role to support the collaborative efforts of the CDFA staff and our dynamic Board of Directors in providing education, advocacy, and resources to our members as they work to build stronger communities," shares Ms. Hounsel.

Before moving to Dallas, Ms. Hounsel previously worked with the City of Houston and the City of Austin in planning and economic development. Ms. Hounsel is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from Michigan State University and a Master of City Planning from Georgia Tech, including a Graduate Certificate in Real Estate.

"We're also excited to welcome our new officers, Lori Matheus, Lamont Price, and Brinda Ganguly, with Steve Johnson returning as Board Treasurer," said Rittner.

Lori Matheus, Senior Vice President of Finance & Development, New Jersey Economic Development Authority, was elected Vice Chair. **Steve Johnson**, COO, Colorado Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), will continue to serve as Treasurer. **Lamont Price**, Innovation Director, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD), was elected Secretary. **Brinda Ganguly**, Executive Vice President, New York City Economic Development Corporation, was elected as an Additional Officer.

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**.