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California Housing Finance Agency Welcomes New Chief Counsel Claire Tauriainen

Tauriainen is first female General Counsel for the Agency

SACRAMENTO, July 19, 2018— The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) is pleased to welcome Claire Tauriainen as its new General Counsel following her appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Tauriainen is the first female General Counsel in CalHFA's history, and continues Governor Brown's legacy of diversifying the appointee pool across California state government.

Tauriainen has been with CalHFA since 2007 in various legal capacities, most recently serving as Assistant General Counsel, where she led the single family lending legal team.

"Claire has been an integral part of our legal division for more than ten years," said Tia Boatman Patterson, CalHFA's Executive Director. "Her commitment to teamwork and familiarity with the complexities of housing law made her our top choice to lead the Office of General Counsel."

Prior to working at CalHFA, Tauriainen worked for various law firms and as a consultant, including a stint as a residential real estate broker.

"We've got a really strong legal division at CalHFA, full of experience and enthusiasm," said Tauriainen. "I'm looking forward to leading the division into the next decade as we work through California's housing challenges and keep CalHFA on a firm legal footing."

Tauriainen holds a J.D. from University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, and a B.A. in Government from St. Mary's College.

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