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Houston Housing Authority Celebrates Long-Awaited Mixed-Income Housing Development

Mayor Sylvester Turner and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee scheduled to join HHA on May 31 to commemorate its first new development in 10 years

Houston– (May 31, 2018) – Independence Heights Apartments, a newly constructed multifamily housing development built by the Houston Housing Authority (HHA), is opening its doors to provide affordable housing options for mixed-income families, elderly, disabled and veteran citizens.

“Over 100,000 Houstonians are on the waiting list for public housing, which means it could take decades for hardworking families to have access to a safe and affordable place to call home,” HHA President and CEO Tory Gunsolley said. “Independence Heights Apartments is an example of how we can work together to support more Houstonians on their path to economic self-sufficiency.”

Ranked as the fourth most severe metropolitan area in the country when it comes to affordable housing shortages, Houston currently offers 19 affordable rental units for every 100 low-income households, according to a [report](#) from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

"Independence Heights Apartments is a stunning development and I commend HHA for constructing the mixed-income property," Mayor Turner said. "Houston needs more affordable housing options and Independence Heights is a step in the right direction. As I have said previously, I am committed to working with HHA to accomplish the important mission of providing quality affordable housing in safe neighborhoods near great schools throughout all of Houston."

The 154-unit apartment community features one, two and three bedroom homes and amenities such as a business center, fitness center, two playgrounds and common area WiFi. Independence Heights residents will also have access to a host of HHA's educational programs to promote healthier lives and reach economic goals.



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Leasing eligibility is designated for renters with incomes below the area median income (AMI). 76 percent of the units at Independence Heights are dedicated to households earning no more than 60 percent of the AMI, and the remaining units are dedicated to those earning no more than 30 percent of the AMI.

“We finally have an apartment community that serves the needs of our neighbors and attracts new families,” Executive Director of the Independence Heights Redevelopment Council Tanya Debose said. “Independence Heights Apartments is the great equalizer because it gives people an affordable, high-quality place to live.”



Located north of downtown Houston, the close-knit Independence Heights neighborhood puts residents in close proximity to big-city amenities and ample green spaces. Easy access to I45 and the 610 Loop makes it convenient for locals to commute to jobs within the city or the suburbs.

ABOUT HHA:

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 58,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,700 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments around the city. HHA also administers one of the nation’s largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans. More information about the Houston Housing Authority can be found at www.housingforhouston.com.

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