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HACLA's Section 8 Director Selected as President/CEO of San Antonio Housing Authority

LOS ANGELES – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles' (HACLA) Section 8 Director, Lourdes Castro-Ramirez, has been selected as the new President/CEO of the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA).

Castro-Ramirez was selected after an extensive nationwide search with a unanimous decision made at a special Board of Commissioners' meeting on March 8.

Lourdes Castro-Ramirez started her career at HACLA ten years ago. In 2005, she was hired as the Director of the Section 8 Department. She currently supervises over 400 employees and manages a budget of more than \$450 million. At HACLA, Castro-Ramirez manages the second largest Section 8 program in the country, where within four years she transformed its Section 8 program into one of the best in the country, granting it the "High Performer" status.

"I am sad to lose such a talented and dedicated individual but proud that Ms. Castro-Ramirez was able to develop her skills as a top-notch executive here at this agency. Her exceptional skills, knowledge and leadership abilities will help her craft a successful agency in San Antonio," said Rudolf C. Montiel, HACLA President & CEO.

In her new capacity as the San Antonio Housing Authority President/CEO, Castro-Ramirez will manage approximately 6,400 public housing units, 3,200 affordable units, and 12,000 Section 8 vouchers; all with \$130 million annual operating budget and more than \$300 million in assets.

Lourdes Castro-Ramirez holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Master's degree in Urban Planning, both from the University of California Los Angeles. She is bilingual in English and Spanish.

HACLA congratulates Lourdes Castro-Ramirez in her latest achievement and wishes her and her family best of luck in San Antonio.

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