

Santa Clara County Housing Authority Deputy Executive Director Jones Departs and Plans for Retirement

SAN JOSE, Calif. — August 2, 2021 — The Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) today announces the departure of Deputy Executive Director Sharon Jones, who will take an extended leave of absence and plans to retire in early 2022. Ms. Jones joined SCCHA’s leadership team in 2016.

Jones brought to this position nearly 30 years of public sector experience and expertise in public-private partnerships, municipal planning, real property acquisition, capital project management and affordable housing development. Her collaborative leadership style and passion for creating livable, sustainable communities enhanced the agency’s commitment to expanding housing opportunities and resident programs for the most vulnerable in our community.

During her tenure, Jones led all operations, specifically providing oversight of Human Resources, Information Technology and development activities, including the acquisition of the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park, the successful development of Laurel Grove Family and Park Avenue Senior Apartments, and plans to develop SCCHA’s East Santa Clara site. She helped provide the framework for the agency’s 2020-2025 strategic plan and helped the agency finalize its business continuity plans. Jones also helped manage the agency’s communications by revising the agency’s website and strategic plan, and organizing efforts to celebrate SCCHA’s 50-year anniversary.

“Ms. Jones provided operational leadership that created the strong foundation that allowed for SCCHA’s business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Executive Director Preston Prince. “Additionally, she provided executive guidance during the agency’s executive leadership transition and was instrumental to my onboarding. Her commitment to our families and service to the agency are deeply appreciated.”

Before joining SCCHA, Jones was facilities and real property manager for the City of Fremont, and prior to that she was acting and deputy director of community and economic development for the City of East Palo Alto. Jones also spent 14 years as a project manager with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency.

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About SCCHA

SCCHA is the largest provider of affordable housing assistance in Santa Clara County, helping make rental housing safe and affordable for low-income families through Section 8 voucher programs and below-market rental properties. Designated a Moving to Work agency by Congress, it currently assists more than 19,000 households through innovative policies for the delivery of assisted housing. For more information, visit www.scchousingauthority.org.

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