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## **Executive Director of King County Housing Authority Elected Chair of CSH Board of Directors**

**NEW YORK, NY** - CSH, a national nonprofit helping communities create the housing that ends intergenerational poverty and transforms the lives of vulnerable individuals and families, announced today that Stephen Norman, Executive Director of the King County (Washington State) Housing Authority, has been selected by his colleagues to serve as chair of the Board of Directors.

“Stephen is the thought-leader and innovator other housing authorities look to for guidance,” said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. “He has helped forge strong partnerships among CSH, supportive housing providers and local housing authorities and is transcendent when it comes to understanding the dynamics of poverty and housing instability, and what must be done to effectively address them.”

De Santis said Norman’s expertise is not confined to working with housing authorities or reserved for one corner of the country.

“He brings a wealth of hands-on experience, having served as an assistant housing commissioner in New York City and one of the founding forces behind the evolution of CSH, and supportive housing as a mainstream model and solution,” said De Santis. “He has been invaluable as a member of our Board and as vice chair, and is poised to help us bring supportive housing to scale in all 50 states.”

Supportive housing is affordable rental housing that offers people struggling to overcome complex and multiple obstacles, such as disability and substance dependency, access to key services designed to help keep them housed, healthy and economically stable.

Norman replaces outgoing CSH Board chair James Logue, who ends his service after nine years as a director.

“Jim has now served his full tenure with CSH and we are better for it,” said De Santis. “Simply saying that Stephen will have some big shoes to fill isn’t enough; Jim gave us and the cause of supportive housing his all. His vision, common sense and warmth led this organization to a higher level than we dreamed possible as we became a national game-changer for thousands of people who needed a home of their own, and the supports that would keep them housed and healthy for years to come.”

### **About Stephen Norman**

Mr. Norman has an extensive background in the design, financing, development and operation of service-enriched and affordable housing. He previously served as an assistant housing commissioner for the City of New York. Subsequently, he was the original national vice-president of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) where he established CSH's program operations and worked around the country with local governments, foundations and nonprofits to develop supportive housing for homeless and special-needs populations. At the King County Housing Authority he oversees programs that house over 18,000 of the region’s poorest households every night.

Norman held an appointment as Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design in 1985-86. He has a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Washington. He currently serves as president of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities.

### **About CSH**

CSH has been the leader in supportive housing for 25 years, working with communities to create homes for individuals and families that have transformed the lives of over 200,000 people who once lived in abject poverty, on our streets or in institutions. A nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), CSH has earned a reputation as a highly effective, financially stable organization, with strong partnerships across government, community organizations, foundations, and financial institutions. Through its expertise and resources, CSH is advancing innovative solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve lives, maximize public resources, build healthy communities and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty that is holding America back. Visit us at [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org)