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SFHA Executive Director Henry Alvarez Moves Agency In New Direction By Issuing Final Judgment Payment

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Today, San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) Commission President, Amos Brown and Executive Director, Henry Alvarez issued the final payment toward nearly \$18 million in court ordered judgments. The final payment was made in the amount of \$3.2 million to close three outstanding lawsuits.

“For far too long, the San Francisco Housing Authority hasn’t been known for its successes,” said Mayor Newsom. “But closing these lawsuits, moving forward with plans to rebuild public housing, and securing stimulus funds to make much-needed repairs show that things have turned around and are moving in the right direction.”

For over eight years and three SFHA directors, the three lawsuits have plagued the agency and nearly led to a court ordered receivership. Through the leadership of Mayor Gavin Newsom, Interim Director Mirian Saez, and Director Alvarez, SFHA has resolved a dilemma that has plagued the agency for over eight years within the past 12-months.

“These three judgments have preceded both the current SFHA Commission and Executive Director Alvarez,” said SFHA Commission President Amos Brown. “The Commission applauds the work of Interim Director Saez and Director Alvarez; it is to their credit that they took great speed in working with Mayor Newsom to bring resolution to the judgments. We look forward to Director Alvarez continuing this productive momentum in order to establish SFHA as the finest housing authority in the nation.

“Today brings a new day to SFHA,” said SFHA Executive Director Henry Alvarez, III. “Although we have made tremendous strides over the past 8-months, overcoming the financial challenges of these judgments provides unimaginable opportunities that this agency has not seen in decades. We look forward to running with this momentum to ensure that each and every SFHA property benefits as a result of the closure to these judgments. I feel that we have closed the door on the SFHA of old and that today marks the emergence of a new SFHA.”