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**Gov. Edwards Appoints Andreanecia Morris to State Housing Board**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** - Governor John Bel Edwards has appointed Andreanecia M. Morris to the [Louisiana Housing Corporation](http://www.lhc.la.gov) (LHC) Board of Directors effective August 9, 2017. Morris currently serves as Executive Director for HousingNOLA and has more than 20 years of affordable housing experience in the public and private sector.

"I want to welcome Ms. Morris to LHC team," said Keith Cunningham, LHC Executive Director. "She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that will help the LHC identify new opportunities to meet the housing demands in our state."

As the state's housing agency, the LHC provides programs and services to develop, preserve and sustain affordable housing throughout Louisiana. Morris will work directly with the LHC to fulfill its mission to ensure that every Louisiana resident is granted an opportunity to obtain safe, affordable, energy-efficient housing.

"I feel truly humbled and privileged to have been appointed to serve as a representative of our state's housing agency," said Morris. "I am excited to join the Louisiana Housing Corporation in continuing to work towards improving and prioritizing affordable housing for all Louisianians."

As Executive Director for HousingNOLA, Morris is charged with leading the effort to maximize the effectiveness of government resources, increase non-traditional resources, and assist private sector investors in making strategic choices.

Prior to assuming the Executive Director position, Morris spearheaded the development of HousingNOLA's 10-year strategy and implementation plan to create equitable, sustainable and affordable homes for all New Orleanians.

Morris also serves as the President and Chairwoman for the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) Board of Governors, which supports and advises efforts to preserve and create affordable housing for the most vulnerable citizens in society including seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, low-wage workers and low-income families.

As a pillar within her community, Morris has been instrumental in disaster recovery efforts. Since Hurricane Katrina, Morris has provided approximately 500 New Orleanians the opportunity to become first-time homebuyers.

Morris' commitment to uplifting communities has garnered her several awards including being recognized as CityBusiness Woman of the Year, UNITY of New Orleans Outstanding Advocate for Affordable Housing, BIZ New Orleans Magazines' Top 10 Influencers in Real Estate and Urban Conservancy and Stay Locals' Urban Hero's.

A native of Edgard, LA, Morris earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and Sociology from Loyola University New Orleans.

LHC is governed by a board of 11 members consisting of the State Treasurer, six members appointed by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House representing various housing sectors and the public.

For more information about the LHC, visit [www.lhc.la.gov](http://www.lhc.la.gov) or call (888) 454-2001.

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### **About Louisiana Housing Corporation**

The Louisiana Housing Corporation was created by Act 408 of the 2011 Louisiana Legislative Session. The Corporation administers federal and state funds through programs designed to advance the development of safe, energy-efficient and affordable housing for moderate-to-low income families.

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