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Amie Fishman to Bring Significant Leadership and Expertise to the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California as Executive Director

NPH advances its mission as the voice of those who support, build and finance affordable housing in Northern California

November 12, 2014 – San Francisco, CA – the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH) announced today that Amie Fishman will assume the role of Executive Director on January 5, 2015 when Dianne Spaulding retires after 22 years of leading the organization.

The NPH Board of Directors has completed an extensive search to find the right person to further its mission to advance affordable housing as the foundation for thriving individuals, families and neighborhoods. Since its founding in 1979, NPH has achieved many major advances in the field of affordable housing at the local, regional and statewide level, and is recognized nationally as a highly effective advocacy group and capacity builder. NPH supports over 750 members representing affordable housing practitioners and developers in the nine counties and 101 cities around the San Francisco Bay Area.

“Under Dianne’s leadership, NPH has become one of the largest and most innovative affordable housing advocacy organizations in the nation. Finding a qualified successor was no small task,” said Phillip Kilbridge, President of the NPH Board of Directors. “We are thankful to have found a dynamic new leader who brings a unique combination of experience, skills and passion to build on this success. We are confident that Amie will effectively advance NPH’s mission and we are thrilled that she has chosen NPH as the next stage in her extraordinary career.”

Since 2006, Amie has served as the Executive Director of East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), a non-profit membership organization working in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing opportunities. Her impressive list of accomplishments at EBHO include: a groundbreaking commitment of 25% affordable homes at the Concord Naval Weapons Station; the dedication of \$13.7 million and at least \$2 million annually in Alameda County “boomerang” (former Redevelopment) funds for affordable housing and homeless prevention; launching a statewide Resident Organizing Network based on EBHO’s successful model in Oakland; growing EBHO’s membership by nearly 200% and more than doubling its fundraising and staff.

Prior to EBHO, Amie served as the Director of Supportive Housing for Mission Housing Development Corporation, a San Francisco-based non-profit affordable housing developer.

"I have long respected NPH as the leading voice of Northern California's affordable housing sector and the force behind groundbreaking legislative achievements which have helped create many thousands of quality affordable homes," said Amie. "I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to build on this impressive work as we lead NPH into the future during a time when the need for affordable housing in our region is greater than it's ever been."

"The work of NPH is more important than ever because of the lack of quality affordable housing and growing inequity of the people that call Northern California home. It is perhaps the most serious public policy issue we face today," said Rich Gross, VP and Market Leader for Enterprise Community Partners of Northern California, an NPH member organization. "Amie is an exceptional leader with both development and political acumen as well as a proven collaborator known for her ability to build community support. NPH is lucky to have such a dynamic leader for the future."

"Amie is a proven leader. Through her work at EBHO for over 8 years, she has demonstrated that we can win when low-income and underrepresented communities, seniors, families, and workers join together with professional experts and advocates to speak out for affordable housing," said Senator and U.S. Congressman-Elect Mark DeSaulnier. "Under her leadership, NPH will continue to thrive and build the broad coalitions needed to grow the movement for affordable housing in the Bay Area and across California."

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About NPH

The Non – Profit Housing Association of Northern California works to advance affordable housing as the foundation for thriving individuals, families and neighborhoods. As the collective voice of those who support, build and finance affordable housing, NPH promotes the proven methods of the non – profit sector and focuses government policy on housing solutions for low – income people who suffer disproportionately from the housing crisis.

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