



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Appoints Michael Neely to Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission

Los Angeles, CA, May 9, 2011 - The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) today announced that the County Board of Supervisors recently confirmed Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' appointment of Michael Neely to LAHSA's Board of Commissioners. Mr. Neely will represent the Second Supervisorial District on LAHSA's board.

Mr. Neely previously served on two California State Commissions: the Commission on Homeless Veterans and the Commission on African American Males and Substance Abuse. He was also a Los Angeles County Commissioner on the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission. Mr. Neely was a member of the Los Angeles County Welfare Reform Implementation Committee and the Proposition 36 (formally known as the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act) Implementation Task Force. His background includes service on several advisory boards and study groups as well as the Board of Directors for the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives. Mr. Neely retired in 2004.

"We are pleased to have someone of Michael Neely's caliber and extensive background on our Board of Commissioners," stated Michael Arnold, Executive Director of LAHSA. "His track record as an advocate for the homeless speaks for its self and I know his experience will go a long way in helping LAHSA accomplish its mission to end homelessness in Los Angeles."

"Michael Neely has been at the forefront of helping the less fortunate in our County for a long time and as a LAHSA Commissioner he will be a great asset in our fight against homelessness," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "I commend the Board of Supervisors for confirming Mike's appointment."

About the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority: *The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. It plans, funds and administers programs that assist homeless individuals and families in their transition to permanent housing. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. LAHSA is governed by a politically appointed, 10-member Commission. Five members are selected by the County Board of Supervisors and five are chosen by the Mayor and City Council. The Commission has the authority to make budgetary, funding, planning and program policies. For more information, please visit: www.lahsa.org.*

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