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Derby Public Housing Authority Receives High Marks

Mayor Staffieri announced today that in just less than one year since new Executive Director, Steve Nakano was brought on board, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has sent a letter to the Derby Public Housing Authority (DHA) informing them that they were designated a High Performer.

SEMAP which is a management assessment program for tenant based housing uses 14 indicators to determine performance level of Housing Authorities. Some of those indicators include timely and annual housing quality inspections, ensuring that all available housing choice vouchers are used and expansion of housing choice opportunities and sound determination of reasonable rent for each unit leased.

The DHA currently manages 278 housing choice vouchers and 106 state elderly housing units. A SEMAP score of 93% represents a high performance level as compared to last year's 63% Standard Performer indicator.

"I am pleased with the performance of the Derby Housing Authority and the leadership of the new Executive Director, Steve Nakano, our new volunteer Board Chairperson, Rosemary Hughes and the entire volunteer Derby Housing Authority Board. I see cooperation and dedication to public housing that I have not seen in years. It is good to have a team that the residents of Derby can be confident in." said Mayor Staffieri

With experience in both the Ansonia and Stratford Housing Authorities, Nakano brings vast experience and expertise to Derby. ***"We have a lot of exciting new things happening on the horizon and I am delighted that we have been deemed a High Performer from HUD." The State of Connecticut has approved our new budget for elderly housing and we have also formed a new Homeownership Program that will help low to moderate income residents become homeowners,"*** said Nakano. ***"We are improving our housing stock and looking for new, innovative ways to enhance our tenants lives"*** added Nakano.

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