

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5752**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, RECOGNIZING DANIEL WATSON FOR OVER 46 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES OF KING COUNTY AND TO THE KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson first joined the King County Housing Authority in December of 1976 dedicating his entire professional career in public service to the residents and communities of King County and to mission of the Housing Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure he has served as a Rehab Coordinator, as the Management Information System Director, as a Deputy Director, as the Deputy Executive Director – Chief Development Officer, as Interim Executive Director and as the Advisor to the Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, in these roles he has provided exceptional leadership, vision and creativity in expanding the availability of affordable housing for innumerable households across King County; by

- Growing KCHA's housing inventory from under 2,000 units to over 12,500 units
- Developing new public housing in some of the region's most expensive cities in East King County
- Working in partnership with community-based organizations and local funders to bring special needs housing to Suburban King County
- Developing innovative senior manufactured housing communities
- Creating innovative development and financing models that have become national templates for the creation and financing of affordable housing

- Redeveloping two of KCHA's largest wartime public housing communities through the HOPE VI program
- Contributing to the development or acquisition of over 8,600 units low and mixed-income workforce housing creating the largest stock of publicly owned workforce housing in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, under Dan Watson's creative and visionary leadership, he has developed, facilitated, and assembled affordable housing financing using combinations of federal subsidies, tax-exempt bond financing, low interest government loans, credit enhancement facilities, tax credit equity financing, conventional bank financing and municipal credit ratings through nationally recognized credit rating agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson has demonstrated a strong commitment to equity diversity and inclusion by helping place social justice and equity issues front and center in KCHA's mission and programs and by participating in and supporting the REDI team in an effort to assure that KCHA is a truly anti-racist organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson has developed and maintained strong working relationships with federal, state, county and city governments, nonprofit service and affordable housing providers, large employers such as Amazon and Microsoft, financial and educational institutions, philanthropic organizations and served in many leadership roles within the local and national affordable housing community including serving as President of the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle King County, Regional President of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), a member of NAHRO's Board of Governors and National Legislative Committee and numerous other affordable housing advisory committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson has been a steady presence, historian to the organization and close advisor to three executive directors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson's reputation and relationships with other leaders in the affordable housing industry have been of tremendous benefit to KCHA; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson's calm and thoughtful approach to problem solving and crisis management helped the Housing Authority navigate just about every challenge imaginable; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Watson has been played an indispensable role in KCHA being recognized nationally as one of the finest housing authorities in the country and a national model for innovation, collaboration and best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of Dan Watson's lengthy career it is estimated more than 40,000 individual households have lived in housing developed or preserved under Dan's leadership and direction;

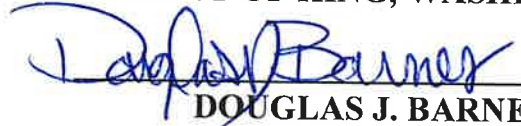
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON;** as follows:

On behalf of the Board and employees of the Housing Authority, and more importantly, on behalf of the residents and communities we serve, we express our deep appreciation and admiration to Dan Watson for forty-six years of leadership and tireless

effort in support of our community and in the advancement of KCHA's mission. He leaves a legacy that is unparalleled in the history of the Housing Authority.

**ADOPTED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING  
AT AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023.**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**

  
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**DOUGLAS J. BARNES, Chair**  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



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**ROBIN WALLS**  
Executive Director and Secretary Treasurer