



ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
Empowering people in our community through affordable housing and self-sufficiency opportunities

BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS
MEMORIAL NO. 2015-01

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ACCOUNTANT
HELEN L. LOPEZ
FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALBUQUERQUE

WHEREAS, Ms. Helen L. Lopez has nobly served the people of Albuquerque, first in 1995 as an Administrative Assistant to Housing Division Manager Robert H. McLaughlin, and then later for many years as an Accountant for the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) Public Housing program; and

WHEREAS, Helen has bravely and successfully facilitated the AHA modernizing its accounting systems during that time period, converting from an obsolete system to a modern system of asset management program (AMP) units, after years of careful and tireless implementation work; and

WHEREAS, Helen over the years successfully assisted AHA to move forward in implementing multiple affordable housing programs to better serve the public, including: City Housing Affordable Mortgage Program (CHAMP) loans for 1st time home buyers across the state, Section 5h Home Ownership Opportunity Program (the sale of the city owned homes at San Jose Public Housing site in 1999-2000 to the low income tenants of the units) and many other fine programs; and

WHEREAS, Helen has served this Board honorably since it was founded in July 2011, attending many Regular Meetings of the Board for more than 4 years, to make sure she was update on the many policy changes occurring in a rapidly changing and modernizing agency; and

WHEREAS, she has provided excellent public service, with a caring hand, to help the agency move forward from a troubled past toward an exciting and more productive future, and her technical skill was critical in helping AHA function successfully and thrive in recent years after separating from the City of Albuquerque to becoming an independent Public Body Corporate and Politic; and

WHEREAS, Helen has placed the interests of the common good of the community, ahead of her own personal comfort, by answering the call to public service, by agreeing to work at a demanding job that at times had her working late on nights, weekends and holidays, to get audits and financial reports done by deadlines and to keep the public funds entrusted to AHA fully accounted for and secure at all times;

WHEREAS, Helen Lopez's last day working in the AHA office was October 16, 2015, when she left for a well-earned and happy retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AHA BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS, the governing body of the AHA that:

The deep gratitude of the Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) be expressed to Helen L. Lopez for her decades of dedicated hard work in the field of public service to the people of Albuquerque by giving her a copy of this Memorial;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she be wished the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2015.
BY A VOTE OF ___ FOR, AND ___ AGAINST.

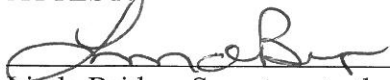
Members Absent: McHard, Rivera-Wiest

Members voting against: _____

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By: 
Stephen J. Vogel, Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:


Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board and Executive Director