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## GOVERNOR DAVIS NAMES MEMBERS TO THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION

### SACRAMENTO

Governor Gray Davis today announced the appointments of J.R. Chantengco, Carol Galante, Bram Goldsmith, Warren J. Kessler and Daryl Sweeney as members of the California Housing Partnership Corporation.

Mr. Chantengco, 37, of San Diego, is a Senior Realty Advisor for the Triwest Group, which is a full-service real estate and mortgage firm involved in the financing, brokerage, and rehabilitation of apartments, single-family housing, and senior care facilities. Mr. Chantengco is a licensed real estate broker and a former member of the Eastlake Affordable Housing Task Force, while he was a Housing Commissioner for the City of Chula Vista. He is a member of the San Diego Community Housing Corporation. Mr. Chantengco earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, San Diego and holds a community economic development certificate from San Diego State University.

Ms. Galante, 46, of Piedmont, is the President and CEO of BRIDGE Housing Corporation, Property Management Company, and Bay Area Senior Services. She joined BRIDGE as Vice President in 1987 and has been involved in the production of more than 6,000 units of housing, including BRIDGE's major mixed-use developments in Richmond and Marin City. Prior to BRIDGE, Ms. Galante was the Executive Director at Eden Housing, Inc., where she developed 500 homes and formed a property management subsidiary. She serves on the Bay Area Council Advisory Board, the Silicon Valley Housing Leadership Council, and the Advisory Council to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Ms. Galante earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan and a master of city planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Goldsmith, 77, of Beverly Hills, has been involved in the banking industry since 1964, when he was first elected to the Board of Directors of City National Bank. In 1975, he was elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of City National Bank and City National Corporation. Mr. Goldsmith also served as a board member of the Los Angeles Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 1981 to 1987 and was a board member of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center from 1979 to 1999. Mr. Goldsmith attended the University of Illinois majoring in finance and business and served more than three years in the United States Airforce.

Mr. Kessler, 55, of Encino, brings to this position his expertise in taxation, structuring, and documentation of real estate and partnership transactions, as well as all legal aspects of housing in California. He has been an attorney for 27 years and is a partner in the law corporation of Kessler & Kessler. Mr. Kessler has litigated at the U.S. Tax Court level and has authored several publications on real estate. He earned an A.B. degree from Cornell University and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Mr. Sweeney, 43, of Carson, is a city councilman for the City of Carson. He brings to this position his experience in financing affordable housing developments. Mr. Sweeney also serves as Vice President, Community Lending Division, of Washington Mutual, which supports local neighborhoods by actively establishing partnerships with community agendas, encourages volunteerism among its employees and contributes funds to nonprofit organizations. He is a member of the Carson Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Sweeney earned a bachelor of science degree from California State University, Long Beach.

The California Housing Partnership Corporation (CHPC) is a statewide, nonprofit technical assistance organization that provides financial and development consulting services to resident groups, nonprofit entities, and government agencies. CHPC's mission is to preserve the existing affordable housing stock and to build the development and management capacity of nonprofit housing groups. Members do not receive a salary. These positions require Senate confirmation.