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**Eugene Jones, Jr. Appointed as VIHFA Executive Director**



**[U.S. Virgin Islands]** – The VI Housing Finance Authority’s (VIHFA) Board of Directors announce the appointment of Eugene Jones, Jr. as its new Executive Director, effective Monday, April 8, 2024. With a strong track record of transformative leadership in public housing agencies across the United States and Canada, Mr. Jones brings a fresh perspective and a bold vision to address the housing challenges in the Virgin Islands.

“I am thrilled to announce that after a rigorous and thorough search process, the Board of Directors of the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority has selected Mr. Eugene Jones as the new Executive Director. Mr. Jones brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise, having previously served in numerous roles, including most recently as the Executive Director of the Atlanta Housing Authority,” shared VIHFA Board Chair Jenifer O’Neal.

“His leadership and vision will undoubtedly steer our organization towards greater heights, furthering our mission of providing affordable housing solutions to the residents of the Virgin Islands. As Chair of the Board, I join the other members in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Jones as he embarks on this new journey with us,” she added.

Mr. Jones has spent his entire career dedicated to improving housing conditions and fostering vibrant communities. Renowned as "Mr. Fix-It" within the industry, he has been instrumental in revitalizing troubled housing agencies in cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Toronto, New Orleans, and Detroit.

Reflecting on his appointment by the VIHFA Board of Directors, Mr. Jones remarked, "I am honored to join the Virgin Islands community as the Executive Director of VIHFA. Throughout my career, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of safe and accessible housing. It's not just about providing shelter; it's about building communities where people can truly call home, where they can thrive, and create lasting connections."

Mr. Jones is known for challenging conventional thinking in the housing sector and emphasizes the importance of creating inclusive communities. As Executive Director, Mr. Jones will lead VIHFA in its mission to provide quality housing and promote economic development throughout the Virgin Islands.