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The Authority recently lost two long-time board members, Mr. Clark Bennett and Mr. Tony Smith. Mr. Bennett had been the longest serving member having been appointed in 2002, and Mr. Smith in 2011. Clark brought his vast knowledge and experience as a professional in the field of bond finance to issuance of bonds for affordable housing projects and programs. Tony's lifelong experience in public administration and passion for affordable housing for those most in need were guiding principles for many of the board's directives and programs. Both of these gentlemen were great contributors to the board as well as wonderful individuals that were greatly admired and appreciated by their fellow board members and staff.

It was my privilege and honor to have worked with them over the years, and to have known both of them as mentors and friends. They are sorely missed.

With deepest appreciation and sympathy for the families.

David Brandt

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