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Gregory D. Johnson, MS, PHM, EDEP, is a highly respected housing executive with more than 30 years of leadership experience in affordable housing, community development, and organizational management. As Chief Executive Officer of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), he leads one of the region's largest providers of affordable housing and continues to build on the agency's legacy of creating quality housing opportunities while expanding pathways to economic mobility for families throughout Hamilton County.

Drawing on both professional expertise and personal understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and families seeking affordable housing, Mr. Johnson has championed innovative, resident-centered solutions that promote self-sufficiency and long-term success. Under his leadership, CMHA has expanded strategic partnerships with private-sector organizations, including Sherwin-Williams, to provide residents with workforce training, skilled trade opportunities, and entrepreneurial development programs. He has also strengthened initiatives such as the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, helping residents improve their financial stability, increase household income, and achieve greater economic independence.

Mr. Johnson firmly believes affordable housing is a foundation for opportunity. His leadership has focused not only on developing and preserving quality housing, but also on strengthening neighborhoods, creating jobs, and fostering community revitalization throughout the region.

His dedication to excellence and community advancement has earned widespread recognition from industry peers and civic leaders. Throughout his career, he has received numerous professional and community honors, including recognition from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), the Talbert House Agnes Seasongood Award in 2019, and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners Special Day Proclamation in 2026.

A recognized leader within the housing industry, Mr. Johnson combines executive leadership with a commitment to lifelong learning and professional development. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tiffin University and a master's degree from Quinnipiac

University. In addition, he has completed advanced executive education and professional certification programs, including:

- Executive Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School
- Leading Organizational Change, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Executive Directors Program, Rutgers University
- Executive Management Certification, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)
- Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, Villanova University

Mr. Johnson is also a sought-after speaker, presenter, and industry expert. In 2006, he authored and presented testimony before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census entitled *Public Housing Management: Do Public Housing Authorities Have the Flexibility They Need to Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?* He has shared his expertise through presentations and training sessions for affordable housing professionals across the country, including engagements with NAHRO and the Ohio Housing Authorities Conference.

His commitment to public service extends beyond his work at CMHA. Over the years, he has served on numerous civic and nonprofit boards, including the City of Cincinnati's Economic Inclusion Advisory Board, Housing Advisory Board, Jobs & Family Services Advisory Board, and Housing Our Future Committee. He currently serves on the City of Cincinnati Economic Inclusion Advisory Board, the City of Cincinnati Housing Advisory Board, and United Way's Cradle to Career initiative. He is also a former member of the City of Springdale Zoning Appeals Board and a past board member of Lighthouse Youth Services.

Through visionary leadership, innovative problem-solving, and a deep commitment to serving others, Gregory D. Johnson continues to advance affordable housing as a catalyst for opportunity, stability, and transformative community impact.