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HUD Madam Honorable Adrienne Todman to Join HACA and Austin Habitat for Humanity for Ceremonial Wall Raising at Prospect Heights

AUSTIN, TEXAS – The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will host U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Madam Honorable Adrienne Todman on **Wednesday, January 8** to celebrate a landmark event at **Prospect Heights**. Located on the grounds of **Rosewood Courts**—built in 1939 under the 1937 Housing Act—**Prospect Heights** is an exciting new initiative offering affordable home ownership opportunities to low-income families, who would be first-time homebuyers, in partnership with Austin Habitat for Humanity (AHFH).

This local event will also honor the long-standing passion for affordable housing championed by President Jimmy Carter, whose legacy with Habitat for Humanity International continues to inspire projects like Prospect Heights.

The ceremonial wall-raising takes place at **10 a.m. at 1146 Poquito Street**, marking the beginning of construction for 12 townhome-style homes. Prospect Heights will be adjacent to the new Pathways at Rosewood Courts, also actively under construction, bringing 184 brand new, affordable rental homes to the heart of east Austin by the end of 2025.

“Austin is one of the most expensive cities to live in this country, so HACA is proud to provide this innovative approach to creating homeownership as we bring new life to our historic east Austin community,” said **Michael Gerber**, HACA President and CEO. “The wall-raising at Prospect Heights symbolizes a promising path forward, where the dream of homeownership in the heart of Austin can be within reach for the families we serve. We’re thrilled to partner with Austin Habitat for Humanity and welcome Madam Honorable Todman as we celebrate this exciting milestone in east Austin.”

“Prospect Heights is a testament to the power of collaboration and shared vision,” said Michele Anderson, CEO of Austin Habitat for Humanity. “At Austin Habitat for Humanity, we believe that affordable homeownership transforms lives and strengthens communities. Today’s wall-raising symbolizes more than just building homes—it’s about building hope and creating opportunities for families to thrive in the heart of Austin. We are deeply grateful for our partnership with HACA and the support of Madam Honorable Todman in making this dream a reality.”

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Members of the media will have the opportunity to **take a hard hat tour of the Rosewood site** alongside Madam Honorable Todman, observe the inaugural wall placement, and learn about this joint partnership among federal, local, and non-profit partners.

About the Housing Authority of the City of Austin

Established in 1937, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) works to cultivate sustainable, affordable housing communities that inspire self-reliance, growth, and optimism for those it serves: families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons experiencing homelessness. HACA envisions neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, residents are healthy and safe, and all people have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The agency serves nearly 37,000 Austinites through 21 Project-Based Rental Assistance Properties, Voucher Programs, and the Austin Affordable Housing Corporation. To learn more, visit www.hacanet.org.

About Austin Habitat for Humanity

Throughout its 40-year history, Austin Habitat for Humanity has built more than 570 new homes and repaired more than 435 homes across Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Hays, and Travis counties. As part of the global Habitat for Humanity network, the organization is dedicated to its mission of building homes, communities, and hope. Each year—with the support of volunteers, community partners, and donors—Austin Habitat provides affordable homeownership opportunities, critical repairs, and financial education, empowering families to create lasting change for themselves and future generations. In 2025, Austin Habitat for Humanity will have the honor of hosting the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, furthering its commitment to building a stronger Central Texas, and honoring the Carters' extraordinary legacy. Learn more at www.austinhabitat.org.

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