

## Quotes of Support for Commissioner Ho

‘Our relationship with Commissioner Ho and MN Housing has led to significant initiatives for ending Veteran homelessness. While she has remarkable credentials, I have been most impressed by her compassion for Veterans and leadership of state, local and non profits involved in ending homelessness.’

- Neal Loidolt, President and CEO of the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)

“Commissioner Jennifer Ho is a tireless champion for families and individuals who are unsheltered and/or struggle with housing insecurity. People who Project for Pride in Living, and many of our affordable housing colleagues, strive to house every night. We deeply appreciate her leadership through challenging times and her ability to remain laser focused on helping those at the lowest income levels achieve housing stability and affordable ownership opportunities across our communities and state. In a time when affordable housing is at a crisis, Commissioner Ho is the right person to rally resources and execute strategic direction to build new homes for the neediest Minnesotans.”

- Paul Williams, President and CEO of Project for Pride in Living

“Minnesota Housing is the single most important entity in the provision of affordable housing throughout our state. Decisive leadership and strong partnership with other actors is imperative for our future success. The State can expect both from the Commissioner if she is reappointed. Commissioner Ho has provided a clear and consistent voice on the importance of new development in both the metro and in Greater Minnesota. She understands that our State’s economy depends on a strong and stable workforce, one that can afford to live in or near the communities in which they work. Housing stock and levels of affordability must be accessible to a variety of workers - most critically, to those with wages at the lowest end of the income scale. Her concern for those low wage earners, those outside of, or retired from, the workforce and those who have been excluded from opportunity is evident.

Commissioner Ho also understands the wisdom of delivering not only quality homes, but also when appropriate, the social services needed to help families find stability. Those with very low incomes are living paycheck to paycheck, which puts enormous stress on people and families. A lost job, a cut in hours, a health emergency, demands of a special needs child are among the many factors that can threaten the stability of a family. Quality services provided by non-profit and public organizations can help families successfully navigate these challenges and go on to thrive.

Commissioner Ho's desire to implement a new and financially sustainable housing and services funding model is exciting to those of us who are currently struggling to support families on their path with few evergreen resources available for those programs. We know Commissioner Ho will deploy her considerable knowledge of this part of our field to advance this work, and we look forward to partnering with her, her team, and so many others engaged in this effort to realize success.”

- Deidre Schmidt, President and CEO CommonBond Communities