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Housing Authority, County Housing Department Welcome New Leadership

Jason Dietz will serve as Summit County Housing Director; Amy Priegel will lead Summit Combined Housing Authority

SUMMIT COUNTY – Summit County has hired Jason Dietz of Silverthorne to serve as its new Housing Department director, and the Summit Combined Housing Authority Board has selected Amy Priegel of Frisco to serve as its executive director. Dietz will replace Nicole Bleriot, who recently stepped down to pursue other opportunities.

Dietz has extensive experience in many aspects of housing development and has served as the Executive Director of the Summit Combined Housing Authority for the past year-and-a-half. Priegel is a certified public accountant and fraud examiner who has served as a contractor for the local housing authority for more than three years. Dietz and Priegel will begin work in their new roles on Dec. 17.

"Jason comes to us with an impressive background and skill set that will allow the Summit Housing Department to build on the momentum and successes that we've achieved during the past several years, since we created the department," said Scott Vargo, Summit County manager and chair of the multijurisdictional housing authority board. "And we're really fortunate to have Amy taking the reins at the housing authority. She has a deep understanding of the financial and regulatory aspects of local housing programs, and that's a tremendous asset to the organization."

Dietz has lived and worked in Summit County for nearly seven years. Prior to his tenure at SCHA, he served as senior construction manager for Dillon-based Compass Homes and as general manager of Wilderrest Property Management, which provides property management services for dozens of homeowners' associations across Summit County. Prior to his arrival in Summit County in 2012, Dietz

spent 14 years working in all phases of residential home development, including land acquisitions and development, project management, site supervision and customer service.

"I'm looking forward to some great project-development work with the Summit County Housing Department," Dietz said. "I'm really excited to work with the County and its development partners to bring more locals' housing to our community."

The Summit County Housing Department works in collaboration with many community partners and neighboring jurisdictions to implement the County's housing-related goals and strategies, and to increase the stock of local affordable workforce housing. The Housing Department manages the County's inventory of all deed restricted for-sale and rental units, as well as approved accessory dwelling units.

Priegel has lived and worked in Summit County since 2000. She has served in multiple finance positions at Marriott's Mountain Valley Lodge in Breckenridge, as the accounting and database administrator for the The Summit Foundation and as a contract accountant for multiple clients. Through her contract work for SCHA, she designed and implemented substantial updates to the organization's down payment assistance and deed-restriction inventory programs.

Prior to her arrival in Summit County, Priegel worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado Denver.

As the SCHA executive director, Priegel will lead the organization in its work to serve as a local housing resource through a variety of projects and programs, including homebuyer education, down payment assistance, homebuyer qualifications and home resale calculations.

"Local housing is such a critical need in our community, and the Summit Combined Housing Authority plays a central role in addressing it," Priegel said. "I'm thrilled about leading an organization that has such a tangible, positive impact in the everyday lives of Summit County residents."

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