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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Applauds Change  
of Leadership at Houston Housing and Community  
Development Department**

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AUSTIN — Today Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., released the following statement in reaction to the announcement by Houston Mayor John Whitmire to appoint Mike Nichols as director of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department:

"Today Mayor Whitmire announced a welcome change of leadership that will bring a renewed energy to the Houston Housing and Community Development Department. It sends a clear message that productivity and accountability are his priorities. My team stands ready to work with Mike Nichols to improve disaster recovery processes and ensure that remaining funds are used effectively and efficiently in accordance with federal regulations.

Mayor Whitmire's dedication to ensuring accountability, competency and transparency in city government is the change Houston needs and deserves. Together we will collaborate to help make Houston safer and more resilient."