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Austin businessman Pablo Schneider appointed to Manufactured Housing Division's Governing Board

(AUSTIN) — Governor Rick Perry has appointed Pablo Schneider of Austin to the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' (TDHCA) Manufactured Housing Division. The Board is responsible for setting policy for the Division and addressing a broad range of issues relating to the regulation of the state's manufactured housing industry.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate.

"We're excited about the appointment of Mr. Schneider to our Governing Board," said Joe Garcia, TDHCA Manufactured Housing Division Executive Director. "He brings enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to our Board, as well as a serious commitment to furthering the affordable housing opportunities for our state's consumers. The Division's staff and I look forward to a close, productive working relationship."

Mr. Schneider is executive vice president of business development for Fusion Mobile, an Austin-based provider of wireless network services. He is a contributing author to *Latino Leaders Magazine*, faculty member of the Texas Leadership Forum, and lifetime member of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. He is also an alumnus of the Texas Lyceum, and a member of the Texas Advisory Board of the Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute. Mr. Schneider received both a bachelor's and master's degree in business from San Diego State University.

The Manufactured Housing Division of TDHCA is responsible for regulating the manufactured housing industry in Texas. In addition to licensing those who build, sell, and install manufactured homes within the state, the Division issues and maintains records on ownership and location, inspects home installations, and investigates and oversees the resolution of consumer complaints.

About the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, and colonia housing programs. The Department annually administers more than \$400 million through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.