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## **Governor Perry appoints C. Kent Conine as Chairman, Tom H. Gann as member of TDHCA Governing Board**

(AUSTIN) — Governor Rick Perry has announced the reappointment of C. Kent Conine of Dallas and the appointment of Tom H. Gann of Lufkin to the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for terms to end January 31, 2015.

The TDHCA Governing Board sets policy for the Department and addresses a broad range of issues relating to affordable housing, homeownership, and community services. Both appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

“I am delighted to learn that Kent Conine will continue to serve the Department and the residents of Texas, and I welcome Tom Gann as the Governor’s newest appointee to the TDHCA Board,” said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. “Both bring a wealth of housing knowledge and experience, and the Department looks forward to working with them each as we continue to address the challenges facing the state in providing a stable, decent home to all Texans.”

“It truly is a privilege to be reappointed by Governor Perry as TDHCA Board chair, particularly at this point in the Department’s history,” Conine noted. “It is important that we have continuity on the Board as TDHCA begins to administer significant amounts of new funding from the federal government. We have an unprecedented opportunity to make a profound impact on the lives of greater numbers of low income Texans than ever before, and I am grateful for that opportunity.”

“I am extremely honored by this appointment to the TDHCA Board and look forward to making a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable residents,” Gann said. “The Department plays a critical role in helping Texas families recover from natural disaster, secure safe and affordable housing, and achieve self-sufficiency. This is an exciting time for TDHCA and I am very pleased to be part of it.”

Conine is president of Conine Residential Group and has served on the TDHCA Board since 1997. He has served as Board chair since January 2008. He is a member and past president of the National Association of Home Builders, National Association of State Housing Boards, and Texas Association of Builders. Conine is also a member of the Dallas All Sports Association. He received a bachelor’s degree from Texas Tech University.

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Gann is president of Gann Medford Real Estate Inc., a full service brokerage firm in Lufkin. In addition, he is president of Tom Gann & Associates, a residential and commercial construction company. He is a past director of the East Texas Mortgage Finance Corporation and past Board member of the Angelina and Neches River Authority. A former chair of the Real Estate Center Advisory Committee at Texas A&M University, Gann previously served as a member of the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration from Baylor University.

**About the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

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