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### **Nevada Department of Business and Industry Director Announces Division Leadership Appointments**

**Carson City, NV-** Department of Business and Industry Director Bruce Breslow today announced several new leadership appointments for the Divisions of Industrial Relations, Real Estate and Manufactured Housing.

**Sharath Chandra** has been appointed the new **Administrator of the Nevada Real Estate Division**. Chandra previously served as the Deputy Administrator of the Nevada Housing Division where he was responsible for oversight of the daily operations of the agency's Las Vegas office including administration of all federal and state housing programs. Prior to joining the State of Nevada, he worked at the Clark County Community Resources Management Division where he administered federal and state affordable housing grants.

Chandra has more than 16 years of managerial and leadership experience in both public and private sectors. Sharath is the Vice President and Treasurer of Home Means Nevada, a nonprofit organization created to assist individuals and families at risk of losing their homes.

**Joe "JD" Decker** has been appointed **Administrator for the Division of Industrial Relations**. Decker was previously appointed Administrator of the Nevada Real Estate Division in 2014, tasked with overhauling the agency and improving operational efficiencies. He successfully led modernization changes and improved process at the Division. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Nevada Division of Insurance compliance and enforcement sections.

Decker came to public service after 20 years in private-sector investigations management for a nationally regulated bank. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army's 12th Special Forces Group. He is a member of the Advisory Council for the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies, Lee School of Business at UNLV.

**David Heath** has been appointed **Deputy Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations**. He previously served as the Director of Administration for the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District where he was responsible for the agency's finance, information technology, purchasing, risk management and communications functions. Prior to that, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Nevada Housing Division.

Heath has more than 20 years of public sector management experience including expertise in risk management and administration of workers compensation and safety and loss programs. He has served as the Interim General Manager and CFO of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit and has served as the head of finance with the City of Santa Rosa, California and Carson City, Nevada as well as and Director of Administrative Services in Truckee, California. David earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and is a licensed CPA in Nevada.

**Steven Aichroth** has been appointed **Administrator of the Manufactured Housing Division**. He previously served as Chief of Administration at the Nevada Housing Division. He has also served as Commissioner on the State of Nevada Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels. Before entering public service, Aichroth spent the bulk of his career managing and running private sector business in Nevada.

#### **About the Department of Business and Industry**

The Department of Business and Industry is a cabinet level agency in Nevada State government. Our objective is to encourage and promote the development and growth of business and to ensure the legal operation of business in order to protect consumers by maintaining a fair and competitive regulatory environment. The Director's office manages a number of programs and initiatives to address the needs of small businesses and consumers including small business advocacy, small business information and referrals, bond programs, constituent services and consumer affairs. To learn more, visit <http://business.nv.gov>.