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**Elm City Communities Announces Karen DuBois-Walton Steps Down as President,  
Appoints Interim President**

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*Shenae Draughn will temporarily take the reins on April 30th*

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**New Haven, CT (April 20, 2021)** - Elm City Communities announced today that President Karen DuBois-Walton will step down effective April 30, 2021 and Shenae Draughn, senior vice president of Glendower Group, will be appointed interim president at that time.

**President Karen DuBois-Walton offers the following statement:**

“This decision has come after long and hard consideration for New Haven’s future, and it is with planning and certainty that I step away from my post at Elm City Communities,” **DuBois-Walton said.** “We’ve created a succession plan that iterates my commitment to this agency and ensures that it has the leadership it needs to progress its mission forward. As always, I look forward to watching the continued success of ECC in the fight to provide affordable, safe, and high-quality housing to all.”

**Draughn shared the following statement:**

“It is a tremendous honor to be appointed as interim president of Elm City Communities,” **Draughn said.** “I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve this diverse, vibrant, and unique community. Karen’s leadership at Elm City Communities has been nothing short of an inspiration. She has set this agency down a path for the better and we will continue her good work as a champion of affordable housing.”

To learn more about ECC/HANH visit [www.elmcitycommunities.org](http://www.elmcitycommunities.org).

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*Elm City Communities/Housing Authority of New Haven (ECC/HANH) is the public housing agency serving the City of New Haven. We serve over 6,100 families and over 14,000 individuals through our public housing, housing choice voucher and low-income housing tax credit programs. Through our affordable housing programs, residents pay no more than 30% of their income toward their housing expenses. Families are supported in reaching their life goals through a full array of supportive services that lead to the increased income, entrepreneurship, education attainment, homeownership and more. Elm City Communities is committed to expanding access to affordable housing services and to ensuring that these services are available in every community.*