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State Honors Chuck Weinstock for Lifetime Achievement in Affordable Housing

SPOKANE, Wash.—Sept. 11, 2007—Chuck Weinstock was honored last night by the State of Washington for a lifetime of service to the mission of providing affordable housing for the benefit of Washington residents. In an awards ceremony at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane that was part of the annual Housing Washington conference attended by more than 700 peers and colleagues, Mr. Weinstock received a Margaret M. Sevy Affordable Housing Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

“Few have done more than Chuck to assist the ill-housed poor, preserve necessary low-income housing and fight the condo-conversion challenge in a city of escalating land and building values,” said Kim Herman, executive director of the Housing Finance Commission. “Hundreds of senior residents have been able to stay in their neighborhoods thanks to his work and Capitol Hill Housing.”

Mr. Weinstock, who last week left his post of 19 years as executive director of Capitol Hill Housing to work at Washington Mutual on community development, was instrumental in helping a socio-culturally eclectic city neighborhood stimulate revitalization, preserve economic and social diversity, support neighborhood-oriented retail, and deliver neighborhood-sensitive in-fill development through nonprofit-sponsored affordable housing.

Through his imaginative ability to manage neighborhood change, 900 low-income housing units have been created over the last two decades in spite of Capitol Hill’s rapid gentrification, vigorous conversion of apartments into condos, and high increases in residential real estate and rents.

Mr. Weinstock has been sensitive to the various neighborhoods that make up

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Seattle's Capitol Hill. His housing serves the community, fulfills neighborhood priorities, and weaves itself seamlessly into its crowded communities.

Over the years, Mr. Weinstock has served on, or positively affected, countless committees, boards, and neighborhood groups.

"Chuck's integrity, consensus building, creativity, vision, and most of all leadership, leave a great legacy for all of us to follow," added Mr. Herman.

The Margaret M. Sevy Affordable Housing Lifetime Achievement Award is named after a long time advocate for affordable housing, who was committed to strengthening communities and the quality of life for people in need of affordable housing.

Washington State Housing Finance Commission is a publicly accountable, self-supporting agency dedicated to increasing housing access and affordability and to expanding the availability of quality community services for Washington state residents.

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