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**MAYOR HANCOCK FEATURED SPEAKER AT
DHA RESIDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Denver, CO – The Denver Housing Authority (DHA) announced today that Mayor Michael Hancock will serve as the keynote speaker during its 2011 Leadership Conference. The conference, hosted by the Resident Council Board, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Mulroy Community Center, which is located at 3550 West 13th Avenue. The Mayor’s luncheon address is scheduled to begin shortly after Noon.

DHA’s long established Local Resident Councils and the Resident Council Board are dedicated to promoting resident empowerment, providing the “resident voice” within the DHA housing community and the community-at-large.

Using a theme of “Together Leading The Way”, the conference is designed to improve the leadership skills and increase participation in all of DHA’s Local Residents Councils. There are currently 19 Local Residents Councils hosting over 240 training sessions for the benefit of DHA residents.

“As DHA is a national leader in the transformation of public housing and the revitalization of communities, we know such an achievement is not done in isolation,” said Mayor Michael Hancock. “It has been accomplished through the leadership of this great organization and the active participation and leadership of the residents and their Resident Councils. Your conference theme exemplifies what a community can achieve when working together.”

Mayor Hancock will address the organization as both a previous public housing resident and a DHA staff member. His talk to the group will be focused on the qualities of leadership, providing encouragement to lead by example as the residents develop the skills needed to achieve upward mobility and improve the quality of life in their community.

“The Resident Leadership conference today is about empowering residents to be active in creating positive change in their community,” states Ismael Guerrero, DHA’s Executive Director. “I am proud that we have active Local Resident Councils at all of our properties throughout the city. And, it is inspiring for our residents to have the newly elected Mayor as our conference speaker. He is a role model and inspiration to residents and employees alike.”

About DHA

DHA was established in 1938 as a quasi-municipal corporation with an annual budget of \$150 million. DHA is one of Denver’s largest subsidized landlords, serving 26,000 very low, low and middle income residents and managing over 11,000 dwelling units located throughout the city.

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