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## **The Housing Authority of New Orleans Hosts HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary Ashley Sheriff for Meeting and Property Tours**

New Orleans (December 22, 2022) – The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) was host to Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) Ashley Sheriff and staff at a meeting held last week at HANO’s main office.

The meeting was a free-flowing conversation between the two agencies regarding the upcoming launch of HUD’s new National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) implementation. HUD has been holding Get Ready sessions around the nation. HANO executive staff and staff from its affiliates met with the HUD DAS, Ashley Sheriff, to discuss the new inspection criteria and how it impacts HANO-related properties.

After the group meeting, HANO Executive Director Evette Hester took DAS Sheriff and the larger group on a tour of three mixed-income communities: Columbia Parc, Bienville Basin and Marrero Commons.

After the tour, DAS Sheriff shared her thoughts: “There is nothing more valuable than getting out to the Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and HANO is a great success story, so it is wonderful to see what you all have accomplished firsthand.”

### **About the Housing Authority of New Orleans**

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is focused on providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans while laying the foundation for economic sustainability. HANO serves approximately 22,000 low-income families including the elderly and disabled through a combination of their Housing Choice Voucher Program and public housing units.

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