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Sioux City resident named Chair of Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors *Roger Caudron elected to lead state agency board*

(Des Moines, Iowa) - The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) Board of Directors recently announced a new slate of officers that includes Board Chair Roger Caudron of Sioux City, Vice Chair Doug Walter of Bettendorf and Treasurer Carmela Brown of Des Moines. Information about each officer is below.

IFA's mission is to finance, administer, advance and preserve affordable housing and to promote community and economic development for Iowans. IFA is a self-supporting public agency.

Roger Caudron, IFA Board Chair – Caudron is an eight-year veteran of the IFA board who most recently served as its Vice Chair. A lifelong Iowan, Caudron currently lives in Sioux City and works as the Executive Director of Downtown Partners Sioux City, a Main Street-based downtown development organization. Caudron draws on nearly 20 years of community development experience, including positions with the cities of Sioux City and Muscatine, Iowa, and the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission in Rock Island, Illinois. In addition to his service to the IFA Board of Directors, Caudron has served five terms as a member of the Board of Directors for the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Doug Walter, IFA Board Vice Chair - Since 1991 Walter has been employed as a school social worker with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in Bettendorf. He presently works in the early childhood department, helping parents find the best ways to maximize their children's educational potential. An avid volunteer in the Quad City area, Walter serves on the Boards of Directors of the Arc of Scott County, Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Iowa Social Work Association, Mississippi Bend AEA Professional Staff Organization and Audiology and Speech Pathology Examiners. He chaired the Head Start Policy Council and was a member of the Scott County Foster Care Review Board. He was appointed to the IFA Board of Directors in 2003.

Carmela Brown, IFA Board Treasurer – Brown is the Government Relations/Legislative Advocate for Mercy Health Network of Iowa, which includes Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. In that role, she focuses on public policy, working to communicate health care concerns to the Iowa congressional delegation and to state legislators. Past responsibilities with Mercy include 16 years as Vice President of Corporate Communications. Prior to her work at Mercy, she was a vice president at Norwest Bank and managed the Urbandale office. Brown is currently on the Board of Directors of Shazam/ITS, Inc. She previously served on the State Board of Banking for 10 years and the AIB College of Business Board of Trustees. Brown has served on the IFA Board of Directors since 2001.

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