Project Row Houses Announces Election of Board of Directors, Officers

Houston nonprofit elects new leadership at a time of continued growth

HOUSTON – November 4, 2019 – Today, Project Row Houses (PRH) announced the election of their 2019 Board of Directors and officers. The board members and officers will support the nonprofit organization with its strategic planning and annual operations.

Newly elected members to the Board of Directors include:
- **Nory Angel**, Executive Director and CEO of To Educate All Children (TEACH);
- **Rasheca Barrow**, CRA Investments Program Manager, Vice President of BBVA USA;
- **Lynn Henson**, Planner Manager at the City of Houston, Planning & Development Department, Community and Regional Planning Division;
- **Phillip Pyle II**, Visual Artist, Graphic Designer, and Photographer;
- **Anita Webber Smith**, Owner of Webb Design Interiors; and
- **Asmara Tekle, J.D.**, Professor of Law at Texas Southern University.

“We are excited to welcome new additions to the Board of Directors, as well as our re-elected officers to our Board of Directors. The addition of their talent, perspectives and experience coupled with their commitment to social practice and equitable community development will greatly benefit in supporting the mission, vision, and values of PRH,” said Eureka Gilkey, Executive Director of PRH.

Re-elected officers include: **Devaron Yates** (President), **Nina Oakes** (Vice President); **Elwyn Lee** (Secretary); **James V. Derrick** (Assistant Secretary); **Andrew Speckhard** (Treasurer); and **Aarti Garehgrat** (Assistant Treasurer).

Board member and officer headshots are available [here](#). Courtesy of Project Row Houses.

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**ABOUT PROJECT ROW HOUSES (PRH)**
Project Row Houses (PRH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people and enriching communities through engagement, art and direct action. PRH was founded in 1993 to be the catalyst for transforming community through the celebration of art and African-American history and culture. Inspired by the work of German avant-garde artist Joseph Beuys and African-American painter Dr. John Biggers, the seven founders – James Bettison, Bert Long, Jr., Jesse Lott, Rick Lowe, Floyd Newsum, Bert Samples, and George Smith – purchased 22 historic shotgun-style row houses on two blocks in a disinvested neighborhood in Houston’s Historic Third Ward and began using the houses as spaces for thematic art interventions.

The PRH site now encompasses five city blocks and houses 39 structures that serve as home base to numerous community enriching initiatives, art programs, and neighborhood development activities. Since its inception, PRH has demonstrated over its 25 year-plus history that collective community art-
making is a sustainable vehicle for community transformation. Today, PRH serves as a model for not only the greater Houston region, but for communities all over the world. For more information, please visit projectrowhouses.org.