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### **Enterprise Community Partners Announces New President and CEO**

Columbia, Maryland –November 17—Today, The Board of Trustees of Enterprise Community Partners announces its selection of Doris W. Koo as president and chief executive officer effective January 1, 2007. Following an extensive national search, Ms. Koo will succeed Bart Harvey effective January 1, 2007—the start of Enterprise’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. At that time, Mr. Harvey will assume the full time role of Chairman of the Board for Enterprise Community Partners as well as Enterprise Community Investment and Enterprise Community Loan Fund.

"The Enterprise Community Partners Trustees completed a comprehensive nationwide search for the strongest candidate to lead the next stage of the organization's growth and innovation," said Enterprise Community Partners chairman, CEO and president Bart Harvey. "Doris is the unanimous first choice of the board based on her professional accomplishments and personal commitment to the highest ideas of Enterprise."

Koo is a nationally respected leader with nearly 30 years experience in affordable housing and community development. She began her career as a community organizer and has been a highly successful developer, public agency administrator and nonprofit executive.

"Jim Rouse was an inspiration to me and Bart Harvey has been a mentor. I am humbled and energized to take their vision and Enterprise's mission to the next level in partnership with our community-based network, funders, investors and policymakers committed to affordable homes and better opportunities for low-income people," Koo said.

Koo is currently Executive Vice President at Enterprise Community Partners. In this capacity she oversees Enterprise’s Gulf Coast rebuilding initiative and activities in Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

Prior to joining Enterprise in 2001, Koo was Deputy Executive Director of the Seattle Housing Authority. She oversaw municipal bond financing and all internal management and operations and led the agency’s groundbreaking HOPE VI redevelopment efforts.

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In addition, Koo was a community leader in New York City and founding Executive Director of Asian Americans for Equality, which became under her leadership the largest owner and developer of low-income housing in New York City's Chinatown and Lower Eastside.

Koo is a member of the City of Seattle Housing Levy Oversight Committee, the Mayor's Green Ribbon Commission on Climate Protection, and the National Community Council, Washington Mutual Bank. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's degree in social service administration from the University of Chicago. Koo is married and has two children.

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*Enterprise is a leading provider of the development capital and expertise it takes to create decent, affordable homes and rebuild communities. For more than two decades, Enterprise has pioneered neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and others that share our vision. Enterprise has raised and invested \$7 billion in equity, grants and loans and is currently investing in communities at a rate of \$1 billion a year. Visit [www.enterprisecommunity.org](http://www.enterprisecommunity.org) to learn more about Enterprise's efforts to build communities and opportunity, and to meet some of the half a million people we have helped.*