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CHBA BC congratulates Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

July 18, 2017. Burnaby, British Columbia – British Columbia's 36th Premier John Horgan and the new provincial cabinet were sworn in this afternoon at Government House in Victoria.

The Hon. Selina Robinson, representative for Coquitlam-Maillardville, was sworn in as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"I would like to congratulate the Hon. Selina Robinson on her appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing," says CHBA BC Chief Executive Officer Neil Moody. "We are pleased by this decision to create a dedicated housing ministry, paired with municipal issues, which formally recognizes housing as a priority sector for British Columbia."

The residential construction industry represents over 150,000 on and off-site jobs across the province, and is one of the largest employers in the province.

"Protecting housing affordability is important to British Columbians, and will be no easy task. We look forward to providing the industry perspective on behalf of home builders across the province and working collaboratively with Minister Robinson on this key issue."

Other issues of interest to CHBA BC include transit funding, energy-efficient retrofit incentives for existing houses, and addressing British Columbia's skilled trades shortages. CHBA BC looks forward to working with the newly appointed Cabinet ministers to deliver on these policies.

Other appointments related to the residential construction industry include:

- Hon. Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology
- Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
- Hon. Harry Bains, Minister of Labour
- Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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About the Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC:

The Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC is the provincial voice of the residential construction industry in British Columbia representing more than 1,800 members through an affiliated network of nine local home building associations located throughout the province. The industry contributes over \$23.1 billion in investment value to British Columbia's economy creating 158,438 jobs in new home construction, renovation, and repair – one of the largest employers in British Columbia.