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### **JULIET STIPECHE JOINS H-GAC AS NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**HOUSTON** – After a nationwide search, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has hired Juliet Stipeche, J.D., as the new director of human services. She will begin her position on June 6. Stipeche succeeds Mike Temple, who retired in April after 41 years of service.

As director of human services, Stipeche will lead the Gulf Coast Workforce Solutions, the Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging, and Aging and Disability Resource Center programs. She will also serve as executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

“I am deeply honored to assume the role as the director of human services, supporting and empowering one of the most dynamic regions in the country. I look forward to working with the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s dynamic team, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, the Aging and Disability Advisory Committee, and the diverse array of community partners to develop and implement strategies to improve the talent pool for our region’s businesses and the quality of life for our region’s residents,” said Stipeche.



Before joining H-GAC, Stipeche served as the elected trustee of District VII for the Houston I.S.D. School Board and held several officer positions, including board president. She also was associate director for the Richard Tapia Center for Excellence and Equity in Education at Rice University, where she managed programs to empower under-represented minorities and women to succeed in STEM fields.

Stipeche also served as Houston’s first director of education for Mayor Sylvester Turner’s Office of Education, where she developed a systemwide, collaborative approach to education and workforce issues from cradle to career that helped launch numerous city-wide programs, including Hire Houston Youth, “Be Well, Be Connected,” and Out2LearnHOU.

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“Juliet is a dynamic leader, and I fully expect that the Gulf Coast Workforce Board will continue its nationally recognized and respected traditions of innovation and excellence in workforce development under her leadership,” said Mark Guthrie, chair of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. “It is of vital importance that the region’s employers communicate their talent needs to educators. Juliet will strengthen the board’s relationships with area educators and other important community stakeholders. I could not be more excited that Juliet has chosen to join us and lead our talented staff.”

For more information about H-GAC’s aging and disability programs, visit [www.h-gac.com](http://www.h-gac.com). To learn more about its workforce development programs, visit the Workforce Solutions website at [www.wrksolutions.com](http://www.wrksolutions.com).

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