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ACDC Announces Leadership Transition and Executive Director Search

BOSTON, MA. NOVEMBER 5, 2009 – Jeremy Liu, Executive Director of the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), will be stepping down after over 10 years with the organization. Liu will be returning to his home state of California as the new Executive Director of East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC) in Oakland.

Since he first joined the staff in 1998, ACDC has evolved from a 3-person staff serving the immediate Chinatown area to a regional organization recognized for its large-scale real estate and affordable housing development and innovative community development efforts. Liu has directed a wide range of programs in community organizing, neighborhood planning, technology for limited English speakers, community development finance, participatory urban planning, youth and leadership development, and cultural heritage preservation. Under Liu's visionary leadership, the organization has formed key nonprofit/for-profit partnerships for affordable housing development.

"I think that in the pursuit of bettering myself, I've had the incredible opportunity to improve the quality of life for all of us," said Jeremy Liu. "In all of our work to help each other, in all of our work to help any community that needs help, we are actually bettering everybody. I've been blessed with that opportunity for the last 10 years. I think that inspiration really comes from both the folks before us who have left a path of opportunity and also the people who come behind us who you see ready to take those opportunities...as they better themselves and, along the way, better the community."

The ACDC board of directors, led by Michael C. Tow, has formed a committee that has already begun its search for a new Executive Director. During this time, ACDC will be managed by interim executive director, Dharmena Downey, with the support of the ACDC Board of Directors.

Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) is a 22 year old community based non-profit organization serving the Asian American community of Greater Boston by developing affordable housing, promoting economic development, fostering new leadership, and building capacity within the community through education, advocacy, and action. Established in May 1987, ACDC works with the community to realize a common vision of vibrant, healthy and just neighborhoods. The organization has developed over \$100 million of mixed-income housing in Boston's Chinatown and operates a portfolio of complementary community development programs geared towards the Asian community. For more information, please visit www.asiancdc.org.

Note to Editors: Please contact Iris Tan if you would like to reach Jeremy Liu for interview.

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