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Alex Ruggieri Joins IHC Global Board

Washington, DC, January 14, 2018-- IHC Global is proud to announce that Alex Ruggieri has joined the IHC Global Board of Directors, where he represents the National Association of Realtors (NAR), one of IHC Global's founding sponsors. As he stepped into his new role, Ruggieri said, "I am looking forward to serving IHC Global's important mission to address urban challenges through better development and improved living conditions around the world. I hope to bring new ideas and perspectives to the table."

"Alex brings to IHC Global a special blend of expertise and commitment, which we greatly value," commented IHC Global Board Co-Chair Joe Hanauer in announcing Ruggieri's appointment. Co-chair Bob Dubinsky added "We welcome Alex to the Board! The real estate sector is a key player in this time of unprecedented urbanization, helping robust emerging markets to develop and nurturing local economies through jobs, housing and opportunity."

Ruggieri serves as a senior advisor for Sperry Van Ness, specializing in the sale of investment properties in Champaign-Urbana and Central Illinois. With almost 40 years of commercial real estate industry experience, he has an outstanding record of business achievement and service to the real estate industry and has also been active in the broader community. A frequent commentator on commercial real estate, Ruggieri hosts a popular radio talk show Central Illinois Business on WDWS 1400AM, and also writes a column for the Illinois REALTOR Magazine. His community service includes serving as a Board Member of Court Appointed Special Advocates CASA and Champaign Housing Corporation.

"We are delighted and honored that Alex has joined the IHC Global Board," said President and CEO Judith Hermanson. "His real estate business acumen and deep experience in commercial real estate will be a huge help to IHC Global and our partners around the globe." She added, "We know that transparent property markets, individual property rights and other fundamentals of real estate practice are critical to ensuring better housing and living conditions for everyone. Alex will help to get us there!"

In addition to an MBA from the University of Illinois, Ruggieri holds a number of prestigious real estate credentials, including Counselor of Real Estate CRE (<https://www.cre.org/>), Certified Commercial Investment Member CCIM (<http://www.ccim.com/>), and Certified International Property Specialist CIPS (<http://www.realtor.org/designations-and-certifications/cips-designation>).

IHC Global is an independent 501 (c) (3) organization and a 50+ member coalition standing at the nexus of civil society, the private sector, and governments around the world, engaging all stakeholders in its approaches. IHC Global develops and advances policies and programs focusing on affordable housing delivery, functioning property markets, clean drinking water, effective sanitation, and other sustainable approaches to create better urban living conditions and more fulfilled and hopeful lives for **everyone**. With more than half of the world now living in cities and urban communities, sustainable urbanization represents both a major challenge and a significant opportunity for the 21st century.