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**ANNOUNCEMENT: GUEST SPEAKER**  
**February 26, 2016 at 8:30 A.M., Governmental Center**



**Carlos A. Sanchez, Executive Director**  
Grand Rapids Housing Commission, Grand Rapids, MI

Part of our Strategic Plan is to engage in planned “learning opportunities” for both staff and Commissioners that will help us chart our direction into future activities. To that end, we are pleased to announce that Carlos A. Sanchez, the Executive Director of the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC), has agreed to visit with us during our monthly Commission Meeting in February. He will be here to talk about the growth of the GRHC during his nearly 25 year tenure as director.

**Career Highlights:**

- Expanded the number and scope of the Grand Rapids Housing Commission’s (GRHC) programs and services, at times pioneering the way for other housing commissions throughout the country.
- Increased the number of housing units during his tenure by 3,294 bringing the total number of units the GRHC provides to low-income families, seniors, and disabled persons to 4,500 and increased the Commission’s budget from \$3.8 million in 1983 to \$20 million in 2010.
- Served as chair of the Public Act 18 Committee, which embarked on a two-year effort to amend the enabling legislation that created housing commissions across the state of Michigan. Passed in 1996, the amendments gave housing commissions’ greater authority and autonomy.
- Serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Hospital Board, as well as several other local boards and committees in the Grand Rapids area. Also served on several housing related committees including the Grand Rapids Area Housing Continuum of Care/Vision to End Homelessness Advisory Committee, the State Policy Academy on Homeless Families & Children’s Working Group 1, and others.