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Message from the President & CEO



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The opportunity for a brighter future has become a reality for scores of homeless individuals this summer in the City of San Diego.

The completion of two San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) partnership developments has added 121 affordable rental housing units for homeless individuals, combined with the supportive services they need to begin to get back on their feet.

We've also celebrated the groundbreaking for two additional developments that will provide affordable rental apartments for homeless and low-income San Diegans.

I invite you to read more about these events and additional SDHC activities.

SDHC Receives National Award for Excellence in Procurement

SDHC's Procurement Department has been recognized with the prestigious 2017 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc.

This national award honors organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO Development Opens

The grand opening ceremony for Cypress Apartments celebrated the completion of the first project that was awarded development funds through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC's homelessness action plan.



Cypress Apartments Grand Opening  
62 affordable rental housing units  
July 24, 2017

I joined California State Senator Toni Atkins and San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer for the event in Downtown San Diego's East Village neighborhood.

Cypress Apartments provides 62 new affordable rental studio apartments for chronically homeless San Diegans and homeless individuals with disabilities.

SDHC awarded 62 federal rental housing vouchers funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide rental assistance for the residents of Cypress Apartments.

In addition, SDHC invested a \$3.45 million loan toward the development, which included \$2.85 million in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds awarded by HUD to the City of San Diego and administered by SDHC.

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Supportive Housing for Homeless Seniors

Just three days after Cypress Apartments opened, Talmadge Gateway also celebrated its grand opening as the first development in the City of San Diego at which all of the affordable units are dedicated to homeless seniors with ongoing medical needs.



Talmadge Gateway Grand Opening  
59 affordable rental studios  
July 27, 2017

California State Senator Atkins and State Assemblymember Todd Gloria participated in the grand opening of Talmadge Gateway, along with SDHC Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Dorothy Surdi.

Also built with development funds awarded through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, Talmadge Gateway provides 59 affordable rental studios.

SDHC awarded 59 federal rental housing vouchers and invested a \$4.8 million loan toward the development. SDHC's loan included \$2.6 million in HUD HOME funds.

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Apartments for Homeless Veterans and Low-Income San Diegans

The development of Vista del Puente, which celebrated its groundbreaking last week, will create 51 new affordable rental apartments, primarily for homeless San Diegans.



Vista del Puente Groundbreaking  
51 affordable rental housing units  
August 3, 2017

Close to 75 percent of the units at Vista del Puente will be set aside for homeless households: 26 units for homeless Veterans and 12 units for non-Veteran homeless San Diegans. The remaining 13 units will be affordable to families with income up to 60 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income.

San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts, who serves as the Chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless; City Councilmember Georgette Gomez; and SDHC Board of Commissioners Chair Frank Urtasun were among the speakers at the ceremony, which I was pleased to attend.

Through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC awarded 38 federal rental housing vouchers to Vista del Puente.

In addition, SDHC is investing a \$4 million loan toward the development, which includes \$3.8 million in HUD HOME funds.

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National Homelessness Conference Presentation

I was honored to present the next phase of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO at the National Alliance to End Homelessness' annual conference in Washington, D.C., which was attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

Launched with the start of our fiscal year on July 1, HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020 will direct \$79.7 million in federal, City of San Diego and SDHC resources over the next three fiscal years to six programs.

These programs will create at least 3,000 permanent housing opportunities for homeless San Diegans.

[Read the HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020 booklet](#)

SDHC Partnership – Park & Market Groundbreaking

A 34-story high-rise development in downtown San Diego that celebrated its groundbreaking last week will set aside 85 of its 426 apartments as affordable housing for low-income families.



Park & Market Groundbreaking  
85 affordable rental housing units  
August 2, 2017

These 85 units will remain affordable for 55 years for families with income up to 50 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income.

SDHC authorized the issuance of \$216.5 million in tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds toward the development of Park & Market – the largest bond issuance in SDHC's 38-year history.

San Diego Mayor Faulconer and City Councilmember Chris Ward were among the speakers at the groundbreaking, which also highlighted a new satellite campus for the University of California San Diego that will also be located on-site.

I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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