

July 26, 2016

Mr. Rick Gentry
President and CEO
San Diego Housing Commission
1122 Broadway, Suite 300
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Article 34 – Affordable Housing Capacity Measure

Dear Mr. Gentry:

On behalf of the San Diego Housing Federation, I am writing to express our support for the proposed ballot measure to increase the capacity to provide additional affordable homes in the city of San Diego. Founded in 1990, the San Diego Housing Federation (SDHF) serves as the collective voice of those who support, build, operate, and finance affordable homes in the San Diego region.

The proposed measure for the November ballot would allow the capacity to construct up to 38,680 additional affordable housing units in the city, a figure identified by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to represent the need of affordable homes in our city.

It is important to note that this measure does not raise additional taxes. Affordable housing developments will still be required to go through the permitting process, including community, environmental, and San Diego City Council reviews. Therefore, this proposed ballot measure does not guarantee the 38,680 units authorized would be automatically built.

Four prior ballot measures authorized a total capacity of up to 10,500 affordable units in the city, but the limit is approaching, with only 3,247 units of capacity left. Without additional capacity, it is possible there could be a halt in construction of low-income housing units supported by government financing or assistance in the city of San Diego.

We strongly support every effort that works toward our mission of increasing the supply of affordable homes in the San Diego region and are therefore pleased to add our organization to the list of supporters for this measure. In addition, I have authorization by resolution of the San

Diego Housing Federation board of directors to use my name and organization on printed material in support of this measure. Enclosed is a copy of that resolution.

We thank you for your leadership on this measure and look forward to continuing to work with you to preserve and increase San Diego's supply of affordable homes.

Sincerely,



Stephen Russell
Executive Director