

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 31, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR**

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, District 9
Councilmember Joe LaCava, District 1
Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, District 2
Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, District 3
Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe, District 4
Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, District 5
Councilmember Kent Lee, District 6
Councilmember Vivian Moreno, District 8

Not present:

Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7

The Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego was called to order at 2:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Moreno to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 10, 2023.
Seconded by Councilmember von Wilpert and passed by a vote of 8-0.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Truth commented on homeless shelters and affordable housing.
Dan Smiechowski commented on housing crisis in San Diego.
The Original commented on housing and need for shelters in San Diego.
Joy Sunyata commented on philanthropy and holistic housing study.
Francine Maxwell commented on a proposed town hall meeting for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants and the addition of a community member to the working group for the recruitment of the San Diego Housing Commission's President & CEO.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

**Item 1: HAR23-022 Proposed Amendments to San Diego Housing Commission Policy
PO-LM-600.101, Housing Program Lending Authority, Regarding the City
of San Diego First-Time Homebuyer Program**

Sujata Raman, Vice President, Single-Family Housing Finance, Real Estate Division, San Diego Housing Commission, presented the request for approval.

Public testimony by Truth and The Original.

Motion by Councilmember Moreno to take the following staff-recommended actions. Seconded by Council President Pro Tem Montgomery Steppe and passed by a vote of 8-0.

That the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority) take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the proposed amendments to San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) Policy PO-LM-600.101 Housing Program Lending Authority, as described in this report and shown in Attachment 2, to revise the policy to reflect program updates to address current housing market conditions and continue to assist individuals and families in purchasing their first home.
- 2) Authorize the Housing Commission’s President & CEO, or designee, to execute the approved amended policy PO-LM-600.101 Housing Program Lending Authority, in a form and format approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and appropriate to implement these approvals. Housing Commission staff will notify the Housing Authority and the City Attorney’s Office about any subsequent amendments or modifications to the documents, and other required documents, including amendments to any documents.

Item 2: HAR23-019 Status of Loan Portfolio – Fiscal Year 2023 Fourth Quarter

Sujata Raman, Vice President, Single-Family Housing Finance, Real Estate Division, San Diego Housing Commission, presented the informational report.

Public Testimony by Truth and the Original

Pursuant to San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) Lending Authority Policy No 600.101, the Housing Commission prepares quarterly reports that provide the following information:

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| 1) Loan Portfolio Summary | 5) Loans and Grants Written Off/Forgiven |
| 2) Loans and Grants Funded | 6) Defaults |
| 3) Loans Paid in Full | |
| 4) Loan Payments | |

Item 3: HAR23-013 San Diego Housing Commission Semi-Annual Grant Report January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023

Debra Fischle-Faulk, Senior Vice President, Compliance & Equity Assurance, San Diego Housing Commission, and Polly Toledo, Grant Writer, Compliance & Equity Assurance, San Diego Housing Commission, presented the informational report.

Public comment by Joy Sunyata, The Original and Truth.

This report has been prepared in response to the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority) Resolution Number HA-1569, which provides the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) authority for a number of grant-related activities and requires semi-annual reporting of all grant activity. It includes information about Housing Commission activity related to competitive grants, non-competitive grants and allocations, and pass-through funds from the City of San Diego (City) during the second half of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 (January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023). There was no grant funding approved for the Housing Commission to administer in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic during the second half of FY 2023.

Item 4: HAR23-021 San Diego Housing Commission Responses to County of San Diego Grand Jury Report, “Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless”

Lisa Jones, Executive Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, San Diego Housing Commission, and Azucena Valladolid, Executive Vice President, Rental Assistance and Workforce Development, San Diego Housing Commission, presented the informational report.

Public comment by Brandon Soliven (via email), Rachel Hayes, Joy Sunyata, Dan Smiechowski, The Original and Truth.

The County of San Diego (County) Grand Jury consists of 19 County citizens selected at random from among applicants nominated by Superior Court judges. The County Grand Jury’s responsibilities include investigating civil matters, including government procedures, methods and systems to determine if they can be more efficient or effective, according to the County Grand Jury’s website at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/grandjury.html>.

On May 31, 2023, the County Grand Jury issued the report, “Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless” (Attachment 1). The report included five “findings” and 10 “recommendations,” five of which are for the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission).

Attachment 2 is the Housing Commission’s proposed responses to the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury report.

Adjournment

Council President Elo-Rivera adjourned the meeting of the Housing Authority at 4:15 p.m.