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Message from the President & CEO



Richard C. Gentry
President & CEO

On behalf of everyone at the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), I would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

As we end a very productive 2014, I am pleased to share news with you about one of SDHC's most important roles, especially at this time of year: addressing homelessness in the City of San Diego.



SDHC's Multimedia Report: HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO

SDHC has produced a new multimedia, online report about **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**, SDHC's Homelessness Action Plan.

This report contains complete details of the five-point homelessness action plan, announced November 12, 2014, which will impact the lives of as many as 1,500 homeless San Diegans over the next three years.

We also acknowledge our partners who have been working side-by-side with us toward the goal of ending homelessness in the City of San Diego.

The multimedia format allows you to view the embedded video of highlights from the news conference announcement of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** with San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and City Council President Todd Gloria. Links to additional documents and reports related to **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** are also highlighted in the multimedia report for maximum transparency in government.



HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO
SDHC's Homelessness Action Plan

The **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** multimedia report can be accessed on our website, www.sdhc.org. It was produced by our award-winning Communications & Legislative Affairs Department.

City Seeks Proposals for Permanent, Year-round Indoor Homeless Facility

Last Tuesday, SDHC and the City of San Diego (City) jointly requested proposals for a year-round, permanent indoor facility to provide interim housing for up to 350 homeless adults.



SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry (podium), San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer (right of podium), San Diego City Council President Todd Gloria (far right), and San Diego City Councilmember David Alvarez (left of podium)

The City's Interim Housing Program for Homeless Adults was announced in a joint news conference at City Hall by Mayor Faulconer, Council President Gloria, Councilmember David Alvarez and me.

This request for proposals (RFP) is an important step toward the possible replacement of the two winter tents, which are used as temporary shelter during the coldest and wettest months of the year.

More than \$1.6 million in Federal and City funds will be provided for the Interim Housing Program for Homeless Adults, replacing the City's Single Adult Emergency Winter Shelter which operates in Barrio Logan and the City's Veterans Emergency Winter Shelter in the Midway District.

Among the features specified by the RFP:

- Minimum 350 beds for homeless men and women (18 and up)
- Up to 40 percent of beds set aside for homeless veterans
- Supportive services to stabilize lives
- 24-hour residential services and staffing

The RFP remains open through January 13, 2015. We hope to announce a selection by February. If feasible, the facility could be operating as early as July 1, 2015.

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I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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