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**PLANNING GROUP CHAIR APPOINTED TO
SDHC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
SDHC COMMISSIONER BEN MORAGA IS REAPPOINTED**

SAN DIEGO, CA— Dorothy “Dottie” Surdi, chairperson of the Mission Valley Community Planning Group, was appointed to the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Board of Commissioners. SDHC Board member Ben Moraga was reappointed to a second term.

The seven-member SDHC Board reviews proposed housing policy, property acquisitions, operating budget and other financial commitments. The SDHC Board offers policy guidance to SDHC staff through its communications with the President & CEO.

Surdi was appointed and Moraga was reappointed by Mayor Kevin Faulconer. The appointments were confirmed today by the San Diego City Council. Surdi takes the seat previously held by Commissioner James T. Waring, whose term has expired.

“I look forward to working with our newest Commissioner, Dorothy Surdi, and am pleased that we will continue to benefit from Commissioner Ben Moraga’s commitment and service to the San Diego Housing Commission,” SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry said.

Surdi is a commercial real estate senior advisor for Sperry Van Ness, where she specializes in investment sales and leasing representation for landlords and tenants. Surdi also serves on the board of the Commercial Real Estate Alliance of San Diego, the Community Planners Committee of the City and is a former member of the North Bay Project Committee under the former Redevelopment Agency of the City.

Surdi’s volunteer work includes serving at The San Diego Military Advisory Council, the Urban Corps of San Diego County and the San Diego Women’s Foundation.

Moraga was originally appointed to the SDHC Board of Commissioners in October 2010, by Mayor Jerry Sanders. Moraga is the Senior Director of Corporate, Foundation & Community Relations for San Diego State University.

Moraga is also the subcommittee chair of SDHC’s Strategic Plan. The two-year Plan approved by the Board on January 17, 2014, is intended to provide SDHC with a framework to identify how it can have the greatest possible impact with limited financial resources in the years ahead.

As member of the SDHC Board of Commissioners, Moraga has focused on solutions to address homelessness. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Monarch School, which educates students impacted by homelessness.

Surdi and Moraga’s terms on the Board expire on January 2, 2018.

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