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HOUSING COMMISSION'S HEADQUARTERS IS NEW HOME OF THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

San Diego, **CA**— The San Diego Housing Commission's downtown headquarters is the new home of the San Diego Family Justice Center, a city agency that helps families and individuals affected by domestic violence.

The San Diego City Council, acting as the Housing Authority, today approved a 10-year lease that will allow the Family Justice Center to occupy the entire second floor of the housing Commission's office building at 1122 Broadway. The location is next to a major transit center with trolley and bus services. It's also within a few blocks of the San Diego Police Department headquarters and the YWCA, which provides women and families with shelter and services.

"We are thrilled to have as our neighbor, an important city agency that provides support to families and individuals that are desperately seeking peace in their lives," said Richard C. Gentry, the Commission's President & Chief Executive Officer.

While most of the offices (22,216 square feet) will be used by the San Diego Police Department's domestic violence unit, which oversees the Family Justice Center, the office space will also be occupied by several social service providers. The Justice Center, which currently is located at 7th Avenue and Broadway, is scheduled to begin moving into its new offices in October.

The rental agreement calls for the Justice Center to pay \$1.70 a square foot or \$435,206 annually, with lease payments increasing by 6 percent every two years. Terms of the lease allow the Justice Center two, 5-year options to renew at 90 percent of Fair Market Value.

The Housing Commission plans to seek bids on tenant improvements that will accommodate both the Justice Center and two additional tenants for the building's first-floor. Once the improvements are installed and the new tenants move in, the building will be fully leased.

The two new first-floor tenants are also scheduled to move in beginning Oct. 1. They are:

• The Housing Opportunities Collaborative, a nonprofit firm that offers foreclosure counseling and housing referral services;

• The San Diego Housing Commission's Economic Development Academy, a learning center to help its clients become economically self-sufficient.

The first-floor of the San Diego Housing Commission also has two major commercial tenants: 7-Eleven and Cricket Wireless. The Housing Commission has occupied the top three floors of the five-story building called "Smart Corner," since January 2007.

"Smart Corner," is so named because of the combination of commercial, residential and office uses clustered at a busy Metropolitan Transit District trolley and bus stop.

Please click on the hyperlink to view the <u>San Diego Housing Commission's Report</u> regarding the Family Justice Center lease.

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