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### Message from the President & CEO



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President & CEO

The San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) innovation was commended by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Deputy Secretary Pamela Patenaude during her recent visit to San Diego.

I met with Deputy Secretary Patenaude to share with her details of our programs that provide federal rental assistance, create and preserve affordable housing, and address homelessness in the City of San Diego.

Immediately after the meeting, she toured the historic [Hotel Churchill](#) and spoke with residents there. SDHC completed the award-winning renovation of the Hotel Churchill to create 72 permanent supportive housing units for San Diegans experiencing homelessness, predominantly Veterans.



**HUD Deputy Secretary Pamela Patenaude Visit**  
San Diego Housing Commission  
August 2, 2018

Deputy Secretary Patenaude was joined by HUD Assistant Deputy Secretary Matthew Hunter, HUD Los Angeles Field Office Director Ray Brewer, and for the Hotel Churchill tour, HUD Regional Administrator Jimmy Stracner.

**SDHC Launches Redesigned Website**

SDHC has completed the first comprehensive update and redesign to our agency website in close to 10 years.

The new website is easier to navigate, more visually appealing, responsive to different mobile devices, and clearly communicates the agency's mission.

I encourage you to visit the new site at [www.sdhc.org](http://www.sdhc.org)

### HUD Roundtable Meetings for San Diego EnVision Center

To receive community input regarding the programs that the San Diego [EnVision Center](#) will offer, HUD Senior Advisor Stephanie Holderfield led roundtable discussions in San Diego with a group of residents who participate in SDHC rental assistance programs and community organizations that assist families with low income.



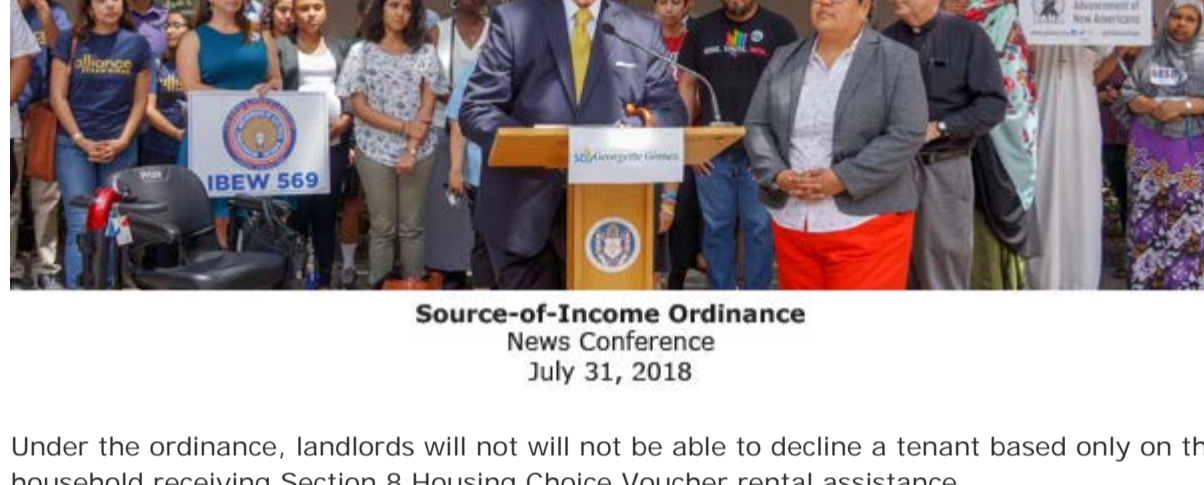
**San Diego EnVision Center**  
Resident Roundtable Meeting  
July 25, 2018

HUD Regional Administrator Jimmy Stracner and HUD Los Angeles Field Office Director Ray Brewer also participated in the meetings, along with Stephanie Murphy, SDHC's Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development.

HUD selected the SDHC partnership with the City of San Diego and the San Diego Workforce Partnership to be one of HUD's new EnVision Centers to promote financial self-reliance among federal rental assistance recipients and public housing residents.

### More Housing Choices for Low-Income Families

I was pleased join San Diego City Councilmember Georgette Gómez to support her proposed ordinance, which the City Council approved, that will provide low-income families with more housing choices and opportunities in the City of San Diego.



**Source-of-Income Ordinance**  
News Conference  
July 31, 2018

Under the ordinance, landlords will not be able to decline a tenant based only on the household receiving Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance.

SDHC will engage in outreach and education about the program for landlords over the course of the next year, before the ordinance takes effect on August 1, 2019.

In addition, SDHC will be implementing an ongoing contingency fund to help landlords cover expenses, such as repairs that exceed security deposits.

### Celebrating Single Parents' Achievements

The [SDHC Achievement Academy](#) hosted a celebration for the second graduating class of its [Power of One program](#), a yearlong program that assists single parents who receive federal rental assistance and have children up to age 16.



**Power of One Program Graduation**  
SDHC Achievement Academy  
July 9, 2018

A total of 49 individuals – nine of whom had experienced homelessness – participated in this year's program:

- 77 percent (38 families) of the participants increased their income;
- 63 percent were either placed in a job (23 participants) or enrolled in vocational training or college (8 participants); and
- 5 participants graduated from vocational training or college.

The SDHC Achievement Academy is a learning and resource center and computer lab with programs that emphasize career planning, job skills and personal financial education.

### 10th Straight Finance Recognition for SDHC

I am pleased to share with you that for the 10th consecutive year, SDHC's Financial Services Department has received the highest recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

SDHC received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

In addition, for the eighth year in a row, SDHC has received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from GFOA.

### SDHC Receives Fifth Consecutive 'AA' Rating

For the fifth straight year, Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings affirmed SDHC's "AA" credit rating.

The factors that S&P Global Ratings cited for the rating included SDHC's strong ability to leverage resources and to develop partnerships in its efforts to revitalize its communities.

In addition, S&P Global Ratings once again cited SDHC's very strong overall strategy and management.

[Read the News Release](#)

### National Recognition for SDHC Procurement

SDHC's Procurement Department has received an Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. for the second consecutive year.

This national award honors organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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