

## **Equality and Opportunity for People of Color**

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Communities across the nation, including the City of San Diego, continue to grapple with the anguish and despair that have beset Americans of color for generations due to persistent inequality and injustice—and now have penetrated the hearts of Americans of all walks of life.

In particular for black Americans of all socioeconomic backgrounds, our eyes as a nation have opened to more fully grasp the reality that the daily lives so many of us take for granted are instead filled with unjust challenges and dangers for so many simply because of the color of their skin.

Sadly, this historically has also been true across the nation in a foundational area of life housing and shelter.

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) joins the voices of those who grieve the loss of George Floyd and so many others before him, long for the eradication of systemic racism, denounce the hatred and divisiveness that fuel racial animosity, and continue to work for equality and opportunity for people of color.

Helping black San Diegans with low income—as well as households of all colors, ethnicities and nationalities—have a safe, quality place to call home that they can afford is at the core of all that we do.

SDHC also continues to support these households with opportunities to choose to live in any areas of the City that make the most sense for their families and to improve the quality of their lives through education and professional advancement.

Unity of purpose elevates and advances the cause of equality and justice, providing the best hope for overcoming the divisiveness that undermines society and perpetuates distrust.

We stand with the diverse members of our Board of Commissioners, our staff and our community now and in the months and years ahead, as the momentum from the righteous anger of today leads to substantive action to achieve a better tomorrow.