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As we approach the end of the year, I am especially grateful for the privilege of leading the San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) exceptional staff, whose work consistently produces positive impacts for the individuals and families we serve.



Jeff Davis SDHC Interim President & CEO

Those impacts are highlighted throughout the pages of our Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report, which SDHC published recently on our website, www.sdhc.org. The Annual Report includes the personal stories of the people our programs assisted—in their own words. Data, graphics, tables and program descriptions in the Annual Report also demonstrate the breadth of assistance programs we provide for households with low income or experiencing homelessness.

We are fortunate to have elected leaders who prioritize housing and homelessness solutions. Thank you to San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera and the City Council for their leadership and support. My thanks also to our SDHC Board of Commissioners Chair Eugene "Mitch" Mitchell and all our Commissioners for their insight and direction.

We also value our essential collaborations with many organizations and individuals, including affordable housing developers, service providers, landlords and community organizations.

These collaborations are ongoing, with the recent grand opening of affordable rental housing with supportive services for families that experienced homelessness and a summit of leaders, including SDHC, discussing homelessness solutions.

I invite you to read more below about these recent SDHC activities, and I wish you a safe and happy upcoming holiday season.

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Milejo Village Grand Opening Celebration November 2, 2023

Celebrating 64 New Permanent Supportive Housing Units

More than 60 families that experienced homelessness are now at home in affordable rental apartments of their own with supportive services at the Milejo Village development in the San Ysidro community of San Diego, which celebrated its grand opening this month.

SDHC Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners Ryan Clumpner joined Emily, a Milejo Village resident; Dr. Eric McDonald, Interim Agency Director of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency; David Estrella, Director of Housing and Community Development at the County of San Diego; the developer, Jamboree Housing Corporation; and additional development partners for the grand opening celebration on November 2.

SDHC awarded 64 federal rental housing vouchers to help pay rent for Milejo Village residents. SDHC also awarded a \$4.2 million loan towards the development, consisting of federal, state and local funds SDHC administers – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds awarded to the City of San Diego, the State of California Local Housing Trust Fund and the City's Affordable Housing Fund.

"I found myself living on the streets, struggling to provide for my children. We lived in motels, streets, curbs, tents, and different homeless shelters," Emily, a Milejo Village resident, said at the grand opening. "But with the help of the Rescue Mission and Jamboree, we found our way to a brighter future. Now that we're home in a safe and stable place, I get to read with them every night and help with homework. I make sure they eat breakfast every morning. I get to walk them to and from school every day."

Rent at Milejo Village will remain affordable for 55 years for households that experienced homelessness with income up to 25 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income.

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Homelessness Summit Panel Discussion October 26, 2023

Discussing Homelessness Solutions at Summit

SDHC Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Lisa Jones, who oversees SDHC's Homelessness Innovations initiatives, participated as a panelist at the "Ending Homelessness Summit" organized by California State Senator Catherine Blakespear.

Discussions included: homelessness prevention efforts and focusing on populations known to be a high risk; understanding that people experiencing homelessness are neighbors, seniors, college students, veterans and others who are part of the community; ensuring that community engagement about affordable housing developments and housing for people experiencing homelessness continue after the development is completed; and the potential for public-private partnerships with employers and commercial developers to assist with the creation of workforce housing.

Additional panelists included San Diego City Councilmember Joe LaCava; San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness CEO Tamera Kohler; San Diego Housing Federation President & CEO Stephen Russell; University of California San Diego Professor Dr. Margot Kushel; California Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Officer Meghan Marshall; California Housing Partnership Director of Advocacy Mark Stivers; Downtown San Diego Partnership President & CEO Betsy Brennan; and Jamboree Housing Corporation Vice President of Business Development Kelsey Brewer.

Discussions like these are important to ongoing efforts to identify and implement solutions. Thank you to State Senator Blakespear for organizing this event and to everyone who attended and participated.



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Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of San Diegans with low income and/or experiencing homelessness.