



August 25, 2026

With our ongoing focus on the people we serve, our summer this year has been filled with a variety of collaborative initiatives with community organizations to continue to help make San Diego a vibrant and thriving city for people to call home.

Our homelessness initiatives included participating in public-private partnerships that added beds for a shelter program specifically for unhoused single women and women with children and a program that will expand homelessness diversion resources across the San Diego region.

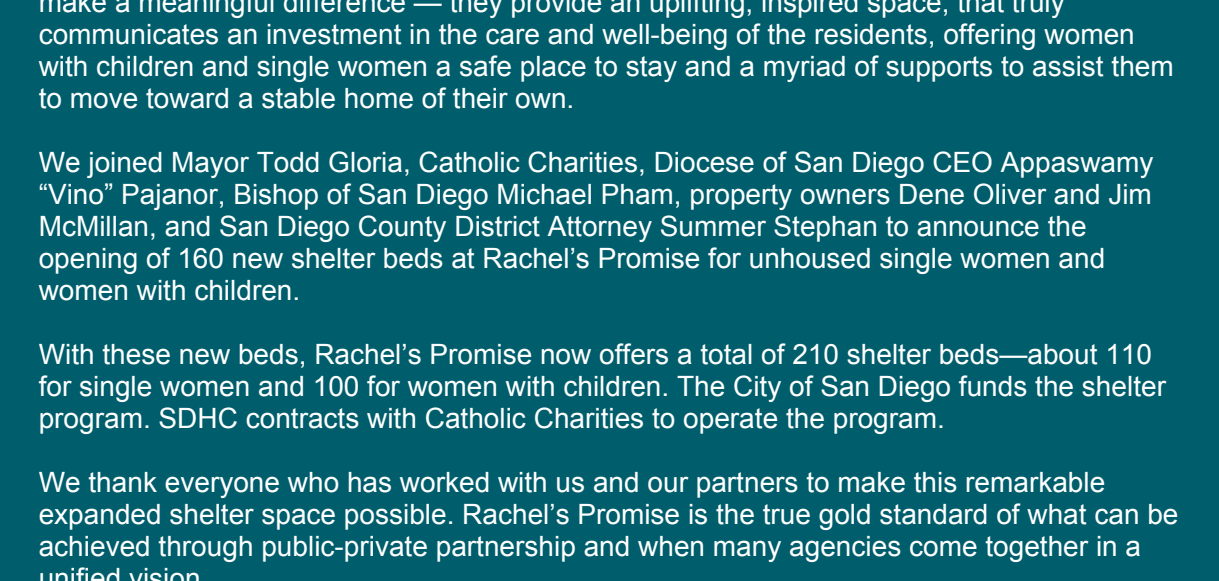
In the legislative arena, we participated in U.S. Senator Adam Schiff's roundtable discussion about housing and the importance of collaboration, and we received approval to start a housing preservation fund to keep existing homes affordable in the City of San Diego.

We are also engaging with community-based organizations and additional partners to provide resource fairs for families in our rental assistance and public housing programs as they prepare for updated family contribution amounts toward their rental housing costs.

We invite you to read more details about these initiatives and additional activities below. Investing in neighborhoods, expanding and preserving affordable housing, uplifting families' opportunities to thrive, or providing safe sheltering options takes community working together. We value our extensive collaborations throughout our community and look forward to continuing to work together to serve the families that rely on us.



Lisa Jones
SDHC President and CEO



Rachel's Promise Center for Women and Children
Announcement of New Beds Opening
August 12, 2026

More Shelter for Unhoused Women and Children

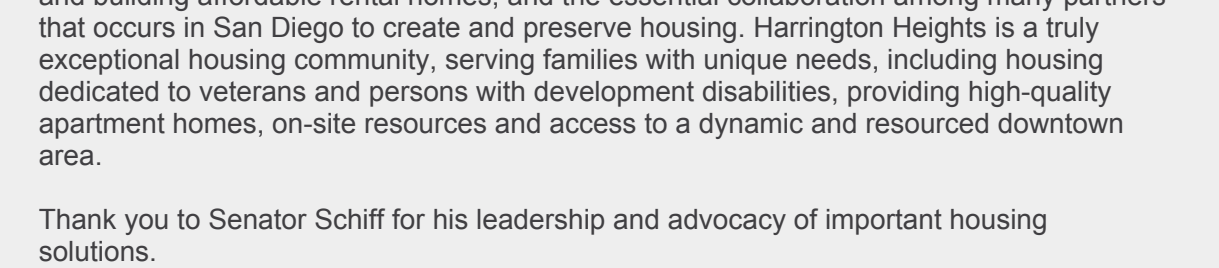
Too often, families with children who are experiencing homelessness search for shelter, but there aren't enough options available for them. The new beds opening at the expanded Rachel's Promise Center for Women and Children in Downtown San Diego will not only make a meaningful difference — they provide an uplifting, inspired space, that truly communicates an investment in the care and well-being of the residents, offering women with children and single women a safe place to stay and a myriad of supports to assist them to move toward a stable home of their own.

We joined Mayor Todd Gloria, Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego CEO Appaswamy "Vino" Pajanor, Bishop of San Diego Michael Pham, property owners Dene Oliver and Jim McMillan, and San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan to announce the opening of 160 new shelter beds at Rachel's Promise for unhoused single women and women with children.

With these new beds, Rachel's Promise now offers a total of 210 shelter beds—about 110 for single women and 100 for women with children. The City of San Diego funds the shelter program. SDHC contracts with Catholic Charities to operate the program.

We thank everyone who has worked with us and our partners to make this remarkable expanded shelter space possible. Rachel's Promise is the true gold standard of what can be achieved through public-private partnership and when many agencies come together in a unified vision.

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U.S. Senator Adam Schiff's Roundtable and Tour
Harrington Heights Development
July 2, 2026

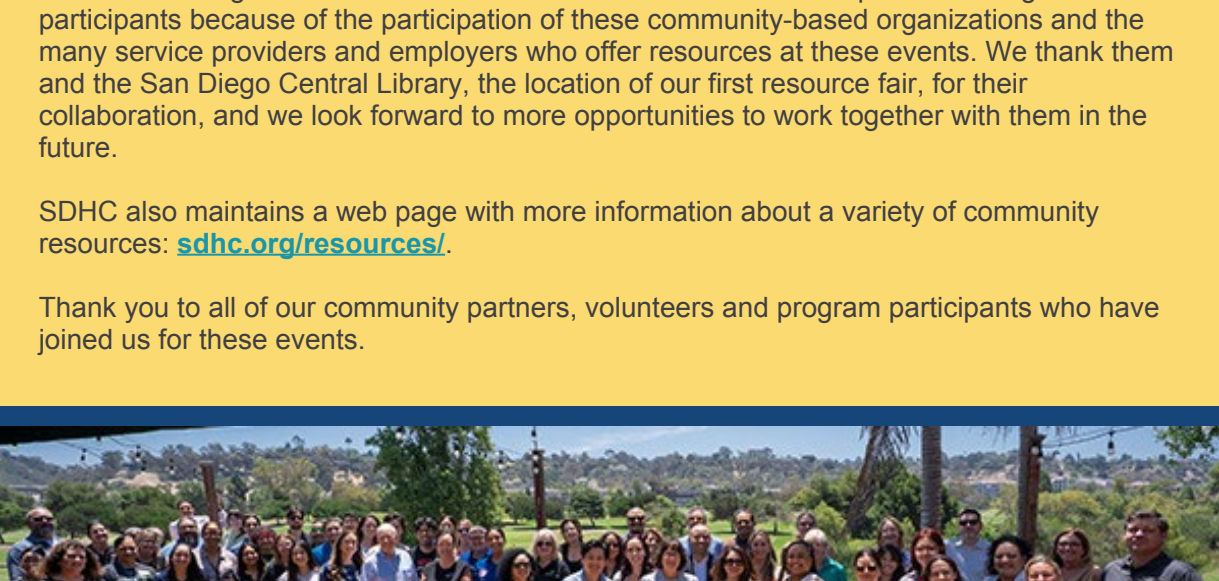
Roundtable Discussion and Tour with U.S. Senator Adam Schiff

We welcomed U.S. Senator Adam Schiff to Downtown San Diego for a roundtable discussion about housing policies and a tour of the [Harrington Heights](#) affordable housing development, built by Chelsea Investment Corporation, in collaboration with SDHC.

City Council President Joe LaCava, Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, SDHC, Chelsea Investment Corporation, which developed Harrington Heights, Alpha Project, which provides supportive services to the development's residents, and the San Diego Housing Federation participated in this discussion.

We spoke with the Senator about his bill, the [Housing BOOM Act](#), City of San Diego policies that support housing production, some of the challenges associated with financing and building affordable rental homes, and the essential collaboration among many partners that occurs in San Diego to create and preserve housing. Harrington Heights is a truly exceptional housing community, serving families with unique needs, including housing dedicated to veterans and persons with development disabilities, providing high-quality apartment homes, on-site resources and access to a dynamic and resourced downtown area.

Thank you to Senator Schiff for his leadership and advocacy of important housing solutions.



SDHC Community Resource Fair
San Diego Central Library
July 18, 2026

Community Resource Fairs

As families in our rental assistance and public housing programs prepare for changes this fall to the family contribution amounts they pay toward their housing costs, SDHC has collaborated with community organizations embedded in neighborhoods across the City to connect families with a host of resources at Community Resource Fairs.

More than 30 SDHC staff volunteered at our first resource fair on July 18, 2026, assisting 121 rental assistance or public housing households. The Chicano Federation hosted another resource fair on August 6. Additional resource fairs are also scheduled August 29, hosted by the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) and September 12, hosted by Logan Heights Community Development Corporation.

Together, we're sharing resources about career services, managing your money and credit, and services like childcare, access to food, utilities and transportation. These resource fairs make a meaningful difference in the lives of rental assistance and public housing participants because of the participation of these community-based organizations and the many service providers and employers who offer resources at these events. We thank them and the San Diego Central Library, the location of our first resource fair, for their collaboration, and we look forward to more opportunities to work together with them in the future.

SDHC also maintains a web page with more information about a variety of community resources: [sdhc.org/resources/](#).

Thank you to all of our community partners, volunteers and program participants who have joined us for these events.



Diversion Collective
Kickoff
July 28, 2026

Homelessness Diversion Initiative

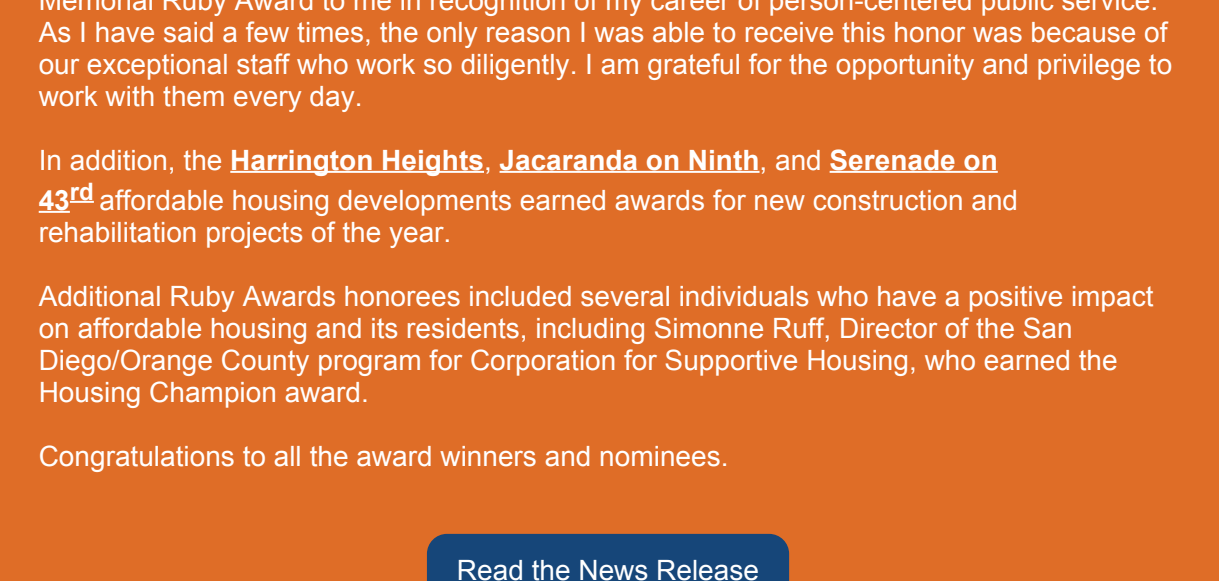
We're collaborating with a wide range of organizations to expand homelessness diversion resources across the San Diego region.

This initiative, known as the Diversion Collective, launched recently and builds on SDHC's experience with diversion programming since 2017, which has helped more than 900 households avoid extended shelter stays.

We are grateful to the many funders for this effort: Brutton Family Foundation, City of San Diego, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Chair Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Cushman Foundation, Jewish Community Foundation (Anonymous donor-advised fund, JCF VP of Philanthropy Fund, Joseph and Beverly Glickman Fund, and Neil Sentura and Barbara Bry Fund), and the San Diego Foundation.

We also thank all the partners participating with SDHC in the Diversion Collective. A list of partners and more information is available on our website at [sdhc.org/diversioncollective](#). With this new initiative, we expect to support approximately 600 households to stabilize quickly into new housing over the next 12 to 18 months.

Diversion is an approach that provides light-touch case management and short-term financial resources to eligible households who are experiencing homelessness and accessing the homeless crisis response system. Staff work with the household to identify safe and immediate alternative housing options and to submit relevant referrals to services and financial resources to assist the household in stabilizing in permanent housing.



Preservation Fund Approval
San Diego City Council
June 29, 2026

Affordable Housing Preservation Fund

Building on SDHC's extensive efforts over the past several years at the direction of the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee, the City Council this summer approved SDHC's creation of its first funding initiative focused solely on preserving existing deed-restricted or naturally occurring affordable housing. Through SDHC, the City Council has directed the creation of a dedicated fund specifically to support activities to keep existing rental homes affordable in the City of San Diego.

SDHC's 2020 study "[Preserving Affordable Housing in the City of San Diego](#)" estimated that more than 13,000 existing affordable housing units in the city could lose their affordability by 2040. Of those, approximately 4,200 were deed-restricted units and may lose their affordability restrictions, and 9,250 were naturally occurring affordable housing units vulnerable to becoming market-rate units. The study further estimated that 35 percent of new housing production would simply replace units that lost their affordability if no intervention occurred to preserve existing affordable housing in the City of San Diego.

The City Council approved the transfer of \$8.5 million to SDHC to start the Affordable Housing Preservation Fund and, acting as the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, authorized SDHC to create the fund.

Proposals for the specific uses of the money in the new Affordable Housing Preservation Fund will be presented to the City Council or Housing Authority in the future for consideration. Potential uses for the funds include, but are not limited to, combining the funds with other funding sources to employ strategies to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing properties and establish requirements for those housing units to remain affordable long-term.

This fund advances the city's strategy for affordable housing preservation. Among its recent actions, the City Council also approved an Affordable Housing Preservation Ordinance in February.

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Ruby Awards
San Diego Housing Federation
June 5, 2026

Awards for SDHC, Partners

I was honored to be among the individuals, organizations and developments—including three SDHC collaborative affordable housing developments—recognized by the San Diego Housing Federation with Ruby Awards this year.

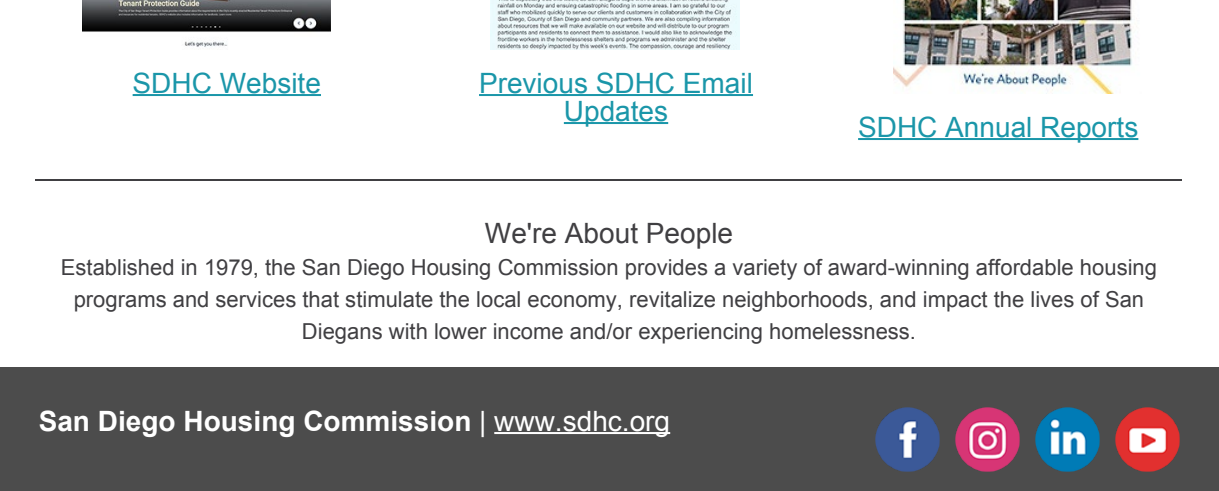
City Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee presented the John Craven Public Service Memorial Ruby Award to me in recognition of my career of person-centered public service. As I have said a few times, the only reason I was able to receive this honor was because of our exceptional staff who work so diligently. I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege to work with them every day.

In addition, the [Harrington Heights](#), [Jacaranda on Ninth](#), and [Serenade on 43rd](#) affordable housing developments earned awards for new construction and rehabilitation projects of the year.

Additional Ruby Awards honorees included several individuals who have a positive impact on affordable housing and its residents, including Simonne Ruff, Director of the San Diego/Orange County program for Corporation for Supportive Housing, who earned the Housing Champion award.

Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees.

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The Bel
Grand Opening
June 8, 2026

79 New Affordable Apartments

The grand opening of The Bel, built in collaboration with SDHC, celebrated a new development that provides opportunities for households with lower income to afford to live in the Hillcrest community of San Diego, as housing costs rise.

Our Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development Colin Miller joined City Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, the developer, Rise Urban Partners doing business as Trestle Build, San Diego Housing Federation President and CEO Stephen Russell, and Justin, a resident of The Bel, to commemorate the grand opening.

SDHC authorized \$21.6 million in tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds toward the financing for The Bel, which includes studios and one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

Amenities at The Bel include a rooftop terrace, children's play area, a resident services room, communal lounge areas, and bike storage.

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Navajo Family Apartments
Groundbreaking
June 16, 2026

Groundbreaking for Affordable Housing

With construction crews already at work in the background, we celebrated the groundbreaking of a new affordable rental housing development that will produce 44 new rental homes for families in our community.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, City Councilmember Raul Campillo, County Supervisor Joel Anderson, and SDHC Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development Colin Miller joined the developer, Community HousingWorks, at the groundbreaking celebration for Navajo Family Apartments.

SDHC awarded eight federal rental housing vouchers to the development to help adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities pay for their housing and live independently. SDHC also awarded a nearly \$3.4 million loan toward the development, consisting of federal and local funds SDHC administers for the City of San Diego.

We look forward to the grand opening of this project.

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EngageSDHC.org
Web-based Platform

Resource to Engage with SDHC

We're using our web-based platform at EngageSDHC.org to encourage our partners throughout the community and the public to learn more about what is happening at SDHC and to interact with us.

You may sign up at EngageSDHC.org to receive meeting agendas, news releases, Inclement Weather Shelter alerts during winter months, and CEO newsletters like this one. Just visit [EngageSDHC.org](#) and click on "Subscribe."

We look forward to this effort enhancing our public engagement.