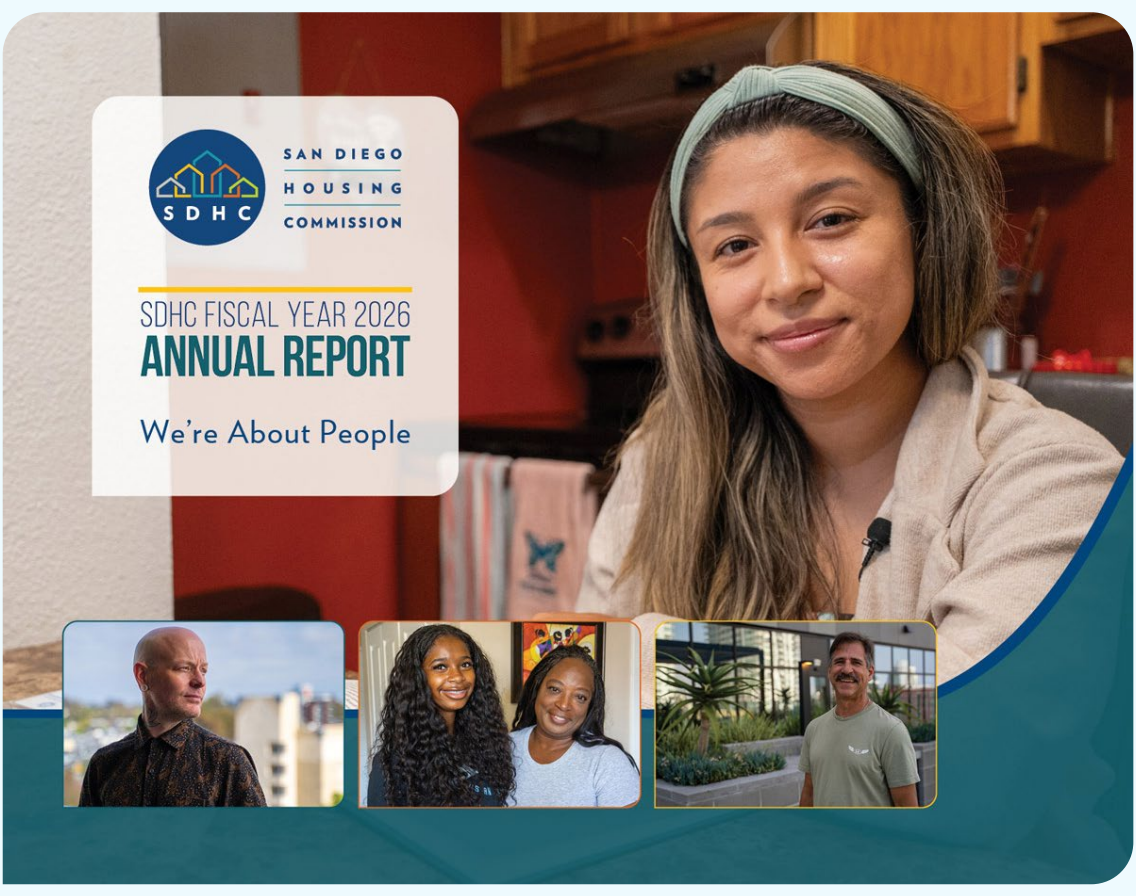
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Going through challenges often fosters the resiliency, collaboration and innovation necessary to continue to deliver results. That has been true for us at the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) in the past fiscal year. We faced unprecedented financial challenges, and we had to make tough decisions to achieve long-term stability for our agency. But we kept our focus on the thousands of families who rely on us each day for housing assistance.

In many ways, our actions to address the challenges of Fiscal Year 2026 set the foundation for us to advance into the years ahead. We adopted a new Strategic Plan that will guide us through 2030 with a spirit of resiliency, a commitment to cost-containment, and an emphasis on the people who rely on us and our staff who provide those services. Our initiatives have also provided more fiscal stability and moved us toward a stronger financial footing for the years to come.

Whether we are reflecting on the past or looking forward, the centerpiece of our initiatives is the people we serve. Their stories inspire us.

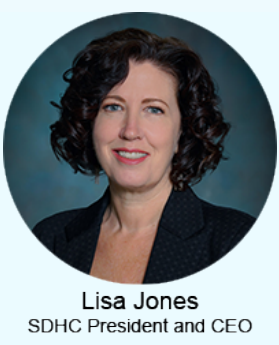
Our newly published Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report, available on our website, features many of those stories, as well as data and program descriptions about our activities and collaborations with community partners as we navigated challenging times.



Our goal is to make sure that families in our programs remain stably housed, and that our unhoused neighbors continue to have access to shelter, services and the support they need on their path to housing.

As we look forward, we will continue to collaborate and bring innovative solutions and resources to serve our families and support a vibrant and thriving city.

Read the SDHC FY 2026 Annual Report



Lisa Jones
SDHC President and CEO



California Assembly Bill 2518
Signed into law
September 27, 2026

SDHC-sponsored State Legislation Enacted

A bill we sponsored to help bring affordable housing developments into service faster was signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom at the end of September.

Assembly Bill (2518) passed with bipartisan support. Eugene “Mitch” Mitchell, the Chair of SDHC’s Board of Commissioners, was instrumental in securing the passage of this legislation.

AB 2518 establishes a three-year, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) pilot program to address significant, unpredictable delays that affordable housing developments in San Diego have faced with utility energization after construction is substantially complete. These delays occur even when a development has completed all pre-energization requirements and is physically ready for connection.

The delays impose substantial financial harm on affordable housing developments, which operate on thin margins and are subject to strict compliance deadlines under their financing structures. They also postpone or prevent the most underserved and vulnerable San Diegans from getting a roof over their head.

AB 2518 establishes a “Category 1,” 40-day timeline for affordable housing developments like our Pacific Village property that provides assurance that they will be connected to utility service in a timely manner.

We thank Chair Mitchell for his leadership and advocacy, Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins for introducing this bill, and SDG&E for its strong support.



National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials
Awards of Merit Presentation
October 14, 2026

National Awards for SDHC Programs

We were honored to receive Awards of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) for two of our affordable rental housing properties with supportive services for previously unhoused individuals and a program to assist families on our Housing Choice Voucher waitlist.

Our Pacific Village and Presidio Palms properties are former hotels that we acquired and converted into 223 affordable housing units with supportive services. This was possible because of funding from the State of California’s Homekey program and our collaboration with the City of San Diego and County of San Diego.

NAHRO also recognized our Working with Waitlisted program, which provided free one-on-one financial coaching, employment counseling, income supports, and access to credit-building tools for families on our Housing Choice Voucher waitlist. This program was a collaboration with LISC San Diego and Kaiser Permanente San Diego Community Health, which awarded a $90,000 grant to fund the program, which concluded last year.

We are grateful for all our partners on these award-winning initiatives.

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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 lower income and/or experiencing homelessness.