In 1968, the City Council (through Resolution No. 194944) established the City of San Diego Housing Authority, and pursuant to section 34290 of the Housing Authorities Law, the Council declared itself to be the Commissioners of the Housing Authority.

In 1978, the City Council (through Ordinance No. 12515NS) established the San Diego Housing Commission to investigate and advise the City regarding housing issues and to administer housing programs. These events took place, in part, as a response to:

A. The Federal Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.Code. Section 1437) which reads in part as follows:

"It is the policy of the United States to promote the general welfare of the Nation by employing its funds and credit . . . to assist the several States and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families of low income . . . ", and

B. The Federal Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S. Code. Section 1441) which reads in part as follows:

"The Congress declares that the general welfare and security of the Nation and the health and living standards of its people require housing production and related community development sufficient to remedy the serious housing shortage, the elimination of substandard and other inadequate housing . . . and the realization . . . of the goal of a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family . . . The Congress further declares that . . . governmental assistance to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing through the clearance of slums and blighted areas, to facilitate community development and redevelopment, and to provide adequate housing for urban and rural nonfarm families with incomes so low that they are not being decently housed in new or existing housing shall be extended . . . ", and

C. California Government Code 65580 (adopted in 1967) which reads in part as follows:

"Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic segments of the community."

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