November 13, 2014

Message From the President & CEO

I am proud to announce the San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) First Three-Year Homelessness Action Plan.

This plan, launched on October 30, 2014, by Mayor Faulconer and City Council President Katrina Adams, is the result of an agreement between the City of San Diego and SDHC. The Plan marks a commitment to combat homelessness in the City of San Diego over the next three years. SDHC is one of the first public housing agencies in the nation to launch such a plan.

By the end of 2017, the Plan projects that more than 1,200 households will escape homelessness, with 75 percent of those escaping homelessness remaining permanently housed. The Plan includes the following key initiatives:

1. **Renovates the Historical Hotel Churchill to Create 72 Affordable Studios for Homeless Individuals and Families.** SDHC will be including this award as part of the first $10 million being made available for permanent supportive housing in San Diego. We were one of only seven recipients of Housing and Community Development's 2014 awards for the Local Housing Trust Fund.

2. **Invests up to $15 million from the federal “Moving to Work” rental assistance program to acquire a property that will set aside 20 percent of its units for permanent supportive housing for homeless San Diegans; and**

3. **Commits up to 1,500 federal rental assistance vouchers to provide housing to homeless veterans and former foster youth;**

4. **Invests up to $15 million from the federal “Moving to Work” rental assistance program to provide resources to help move homeless individuals and families into more permanent housing.**

5. **Dedicates 25 of SDHC’s own affordable units to temporarily provide homes for homeless individuals and families.**

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