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Message from the President & CEO



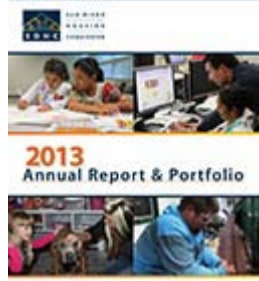
Richard C. Gentry
President & CEO

I am pleased to share with you the release of our [2013 Annual Report & Portfolio](#), the third time this report has been produced as a multimedia, online publication from the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC).

The 2013 report highlights SDHC's many programs and partnerships in addressing homelessness, providing rental assistance and creating affordable housing.

A major theme in this year's report: How SDHC and the City of San Diego have become leaders in the Housing First model of addressing homelessness, which focuses on providing housing as quickly as possible with supportive services as needed.

To keep current, activities from the first few months of 2014 are included.



This versatile multimedia format allows you to hear directly from people SDHC has helped, with embedded videos containing interviews and events that show some of our work. It will be updated from time to time and has links to reports, charts, graphics and other information for maximum transparency in government.

The 2013 Annual Report can be accessed on our website, www.sdhc.org. It was produced in-house by our award-winning Community Relations & Communications Department.

I would also like to share with you additional important SDHC activities:

SDHC Partnership: Construction Begins on New Affordable Rental Units

Construction is underway on Alpha Square, a \$47.6 million mixed-use development with 201 units of affordable housing for low- and very low-income renters.

Alpha Square, co-developed by Chelsea Investment Corporation and Alpha Project for the Homeless, will be a six-story building in Downtown San Diego's East Village neighborhood, and will have more than 5,400 square feet of retail space at the street level.



Alpha Square Affordable Apartments - Artist's rendering

Partners in the development gathered at the Market Street and 14th Avenue construction site on May 1 for a groundbreaking ceremony.

SDHC is awarding a total of 76 federal Project-Based Housing Vouchers for Alpha Square to support formerly homeless San Diegans. These vouchers have an estimated annual value of \$756,048 and will enable tenants to pay roughly 28.5 percent of their monthly income toward rent.

Additionally, to assist with construction financing, SDHC also authorized the issuance of more than \$6.2 million in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, administered by the State of California. The San Diego City Council, sitting as the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, approved the bonds.

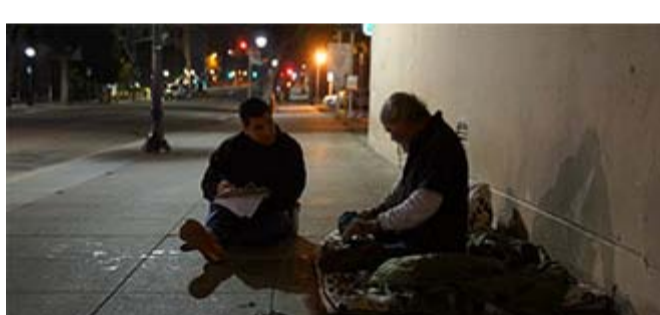
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Regional Continuum of Care Council New Governance Board

I am pleased to serve on the first Governance Board of the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC), which begins in the summer of 2014.

The RCCC brings in more than \$15 million in federal funding annually to the City of San Diego and County of San Diego as a regional conduit for programs that bring a coordinated approach to addressing homelessness and its underlying causes.



Homeless San Diegan - Homeless-Point-in-Time Count Downtown San Diego - 1.24.14

The Governance Board will consist of up to 31 seats and will carry out responsibilities, such as:

- Setting goals for ending homelessness in San Diego;
- Monitoring progress toward ending homelessness in San Diego;
- Approving the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding recommendations and standards for providing assistance; and
- Authorizing grant applications and raising and allocating funds.

Connections Housing Downtown A Success

Nearly 400 formerly homeless individuals who received help in stabilizing their lives at Connections Housing Downtown have now moved into permanent or longer-term housing, a remarkable achievement in just one year.

This is exactly what SDHC and our partners in Connections Housing Downtown hoped would happen with San Diego's first-ever collaborative venture into the Housing First model for addressing homelessness a City-sponsored, one-stop housing and service center for homeless San Diegans.



Connections Housing Downtown Anniversary Celebration on April 14, 2014.

On April 14, we gathered at the Sixth Avenue facility with City Council President Todd Gloria and Joel John Roberts, CEO of PATH San Diego, which operates the interim housing under a contract with SDHC. SDHC supports Connections Housing with federal Project-Based Housing Vouchers, which fund 89 of the housing units.

An additional 50 federal housing vouchers will help formerly homeless individuals transition into housing elsewhere in the community while they continue to receive supportive services.

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I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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