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Message from the President & CEO



SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry (Left) San Diego Interim Mayor Todd Gloria (Right)

City of San Diego Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and I announced on Thursday that a paved lot owned by the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) will become the new home for the storage center that helps keep

homeless San Diegans belongings off of downtown streets, sidewalks and storefronts.

The Homeless Transitional Storage Center provides a safe place for up to 350 homeless individuals to temporarily keep their belongings in large, clean bins as they look for work, attend classes or meet with a service provider or doctor.

SDHC administers funding from the City of San Diego to maintain the storage center, which is operated by the nonprofit organization Girls Think Tank.

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

SDHC Partnership Development Provides More Neighborhood Choices

Low-income families have more choices about where to live in the City of San Diego (City), with the grand opening on February 25, 2014, of 163 newly constructed affordable apartments approximately 25 miles north of downtown San Diego.

The smoke-free Fairbanks Commons Apartments are a public-private partnership with SDHC and developer Chelsea Investment Corporation. Fairbanks Commons must remain affordable for 55 years because federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits helped to fund the development.



Fairbanks Commons includes a community computer lab, playground and after-school activities for kids.

Fairbanks Commons achieves the policy commitment of SDHC and the San Diego City Council to make sure that affordable housing investments in the City reflect the entire community. Fairbanks Commons is one of the northernmost developments in which SDHC has partnered.

SDHC Board of Commissioners Chair Gary Gramling and newly appointed Commissioner Margaret Davis joined me at the grand opening.

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'Moving to Work' Congressional Briefing (CLPHA)

Approximately 110-120 Congressional staff members and members of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) attended a Congressional Briefing in Washington, D.C., on February 4, 2014.



SDHC is one of only 39 public housing authorities nationwide (out of 3,400) to earn an MTW designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

I was invited by CLPHA to speak about the innovative programs SDHC has implemented through the federal [Moving to Work](#) (MTW) program.

Congressional support for making the MTW program permanent and expanding it is essential to fostering new approaches to provide housing assistance to low-income families.

I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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President & Chief Executive Officer  
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