Appointed SDHC Board of Commissioners Chair Gary Gramling (pictured above) and Vice Chair Roberta Spoon were reappointed on February 10, 2014, to new terms that will expire on January 2, 2017. They will be joined on the SDHC Board by two newly appointed Commissioners, Margaret Davis (pictured above) and Kellee Hubbard, both of whom are SDHC federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance recipients and live in SDHC-owned apartments. They were appointed to fill the two seats on the SDHC Board that the City of San Diego Municipal Code requires to be held by residents living in SDHC affordable housing units.

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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. Read the SDHC News Release

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 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. Read the SDHC News Release

Congressional Briefing

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

Sincerely,

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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 more than 125,000 individuals in the City of San Diego annually.

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