I am pleased to tell you that the San Diego City Council (City Council) took a significant step to address homelessness by ending the practice of using Winter Emergency Shelters for 2015-2016. Following years of planning, the City Council directed the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) to replace the Temporary Emergency Winter Shelters with permanent, year-round Interim Housing facilities.

In the City of San Diego, on March 30, 2015, I participated in the SDHC Partnership – Groundbreaking for a New Affordable Housing Development ceremony.

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### SDHC Partnership – Renovations Completed at 10 Apartment Sites

**Location**: Various apartment sites in San Diego’s City Heights, Logan Heights, North Park, and South Park neighborhoods. Developed by a Community Development Corporation authorized by SDHC Partnership, the renovations include the completion of an extensive rehabilitation project.

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