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Message from the President & CEO



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I am pleased to share with you that U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro toured a historical Downtown San Diego hotel today that will become permanent housing for homeless Veterans.

Secretary Castro said the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) partnership rehabilitation of Hotel Churchill represents an important step toward the national goal of addressing Veterans homelessness.

U.S. Representative Scott Peters, 52nd District, invited Secretary Castro to Hotel Churchill and co-hosted the tour with me. Also joining us were Speaker of the California State Assembly Toni Atkins and San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria. San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer joined us for a news media briefing atop the Hotel Churchill renovation site.



(Right to left) HUD Secretary Julián Castro, City of San Diego Councilmember Todd Gloria, SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry, Speaker of the California State Assembly Toni Atkins, U.S. Representative Scott Peters

SDHC, working with its nonprofit affiliate, Housing Development Partners (HDP), is rehabilitating Hotel Churchill to create 72 permanent affordable housing studios for homeless individuals:

- 56 units for Veterans;
- 8 units for youth aging out of foster care; and
- 8 units for adults exiting the corrections system who will also need supportive services.

SDHC is investing more than \$12.1 million in HUD Federal funds toward the renovation of Hotel Churchill, including more than \$9.2 million through the Moving to Work program.



Atop Hotel Churchill with news media
827 C Street
Downtown San Diego

The renovation is expected to be completed in June 2016.

And in a move that may help to bolster the work that is being done in San Diego, HUD Secretary Castro announced that in spring 2016, HUD will provide the San Diego region a significant first step toward making its case to receive its fair share of funding for homelessness programs. In 2014, despite having the fifth largest homeless population in the country, San Diego ranked 23rd in funding because HUD uses an outdated funding formula from the 1970s.

HUD will begin receiving public comments in the spring about this funding formula.

At the conclusion of the tour of Hotel Churchill, I joined Secretary Castro, along with Representative Peters, Speaker Atkins, Mayor Faulconer, and Councilmember Gloria, at a meeting with local government officials and nonprofit organizations to further discuss regional homeless programs.



Meeting to further discuss regional homeless programs
San Diego Square
1055 Ninth Avenue
Downtown San Diego

We met at San Diego Square, another HUD-supported SDHC-HDP partnership rehabilitation in Downtown San Diego that is preserving 154 affordable housing units for low-income seniors age 62 and older.

[Read the SDHC news release](#)

[Watch video on SDHC's YouTube Channel](#)

The HUD Secretary's visit was a fitting recognition during October, Housing America Month.



I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
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