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San Diego Housing Commission projects and staff receive local awards

SAN DIEGO – Three affordable housing communities created in partnership with the San Diego Housing Commission have received awards from the San Diego Housing Federation:

- **Lillian Place**, an apartment community for low-income families in downtown San Diego, received the **Affordable Housing Project of the Year** award. The 74-unit complex was developed by Wakeland Housing & Development and San Diego Interfaith Housing Foundation. The San Diego Housing Commission provided \$731,000 of financing to help bridge an unexpected funding gap. Other funding partners included City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency and Centre City Development Corporation.
- **Fairbanks Ridge**, an affordable apartment complex in the Del Sur master-planned community of north San Diego, was named the **Inclusionary Housing Project of the Year**. The 204-unit affordable housing community serves households with incomes ranging from extremely-low to moderate. The San Diego Housing Commission helped create and continues to administer the inclusionary housing program for the North City area, which requires builders to set aside 20 percent of all new rental or for-sale units as affordable. The San Diego Housing Commission also issued \$30 million of Tax Exempt Multi-Family Revenue bonds to the developer, Chelsea Investment Corporation.
- **Veterans Village of San Diego**, transitional housing for veterans, was recognized as the **Special Needs Housing Project of the Year**. Veterans Village is being redeveloped and expanded to provide group living facilities and supportive services for up to 320 low-income homeless veterans. The San Diego Housing Commission provided an \$82,000 grant and \$675,000 in permanent financing, as well as technical assistance during the predevelopment phase of the project.

In addition, **D. Todd Phillips**, Director of Policy & Public Affairs for the San Diego Housing Commission, was honored with the **John Craven Memorial Award**. The annual award is given to a government employee who has shown outstanding commitment to affordable housing. Phillips was recognized for helping shape affordable housing policy in San Diego and building collaborative relationships with stakeholders across the affordable housing spectrum.

The San Diego Housing Federation annually recognizes people and projects that provide exceptional housing and service to low-income residents of San Diego county. The awards were presented at the Federation's 12th Annual Affordable Housing & Community Development Recognition Awards Banquet on June 14, 2007.

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The San Diego Housing Commission is a public agency working to expand affordable housing opportunities in the City of San Diego. Each year, the agency helps 80,000 low-income individuals with affordable housing through award-winning programs that benefit the city's economy and revitalize neighborhoods. The agency also finances affordable housing development and advises the San Diego City Council on housing policy matters.