



May 23, 2019

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) hosted U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management Matthew Hunter and HUD's Regional Administrators for a meeting in San Diego yesterday.



Richard C. Gentry SDHC President & CEO

I was pleased to share with them details about SDHC's innovative initiatives in rental assistance, affordable housing and homelessness. This included our public housing conversion and finance plan, which created or preserved 810 affordable rental housing units, and our compliance with Section 3 of the HUD Act exceeding HUD's goals.

An update on the progress of the San Diego EnVision Center, an SDHC partnership, also was among the areas of focus for the meeting.



I invite you to read more below about additional recent SDHC activities.



### More Federal Rental Assistance Funding for San Diego

SDHC received good news last month when HUD informed us that it will be providing millions of dollars in additional funding for SDHC's rental assistance program.

SDHC and five other public housing agencies in the San Diego region will each receive an increase of approximately 14 percent in funds to help low-income families pay their rent. For SDHC, that is about \$20 million annually.

SDHC led the effort to increase rental assistance funding for the region by asking HUD to re-evaluate the rent levels it uses to calculate funding and by commissioning a rent study that demonstrated that the rent levels HUD established were too low for the San Diego market.

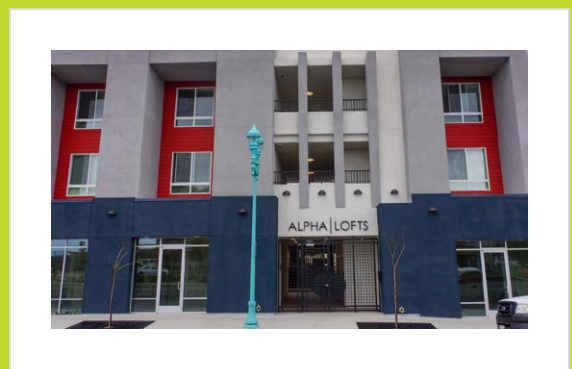
[Read More](#)



### Motel Transformed into Veteran Housing

The transformation of a former motel into affordable rental apartments with supportive services for veterans experiencing homelessness—whose lives also are being transformed—was celebrated with the grand opening of Zephyr ...

[Read more](#)  
www.sdhc.org



### New Homes for Homeless Veterans

As a member of the Voices of Our City choir and a veteran who has experienced homelessness, Mark had special reasons to raise his voice in celebration at the grand opening of the Alpha Lofts apartments in Normal Heights, which is his new home...

[Read more](#)  
www.sdhc.org



The Link Groundbreaking April 12, 2019

### Building New Studios for Homeless San Diegans

SDHC's homelessness action plan, HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, is supporting a new development, The Link, which will provide affordable rental housing with supportive services for 72 individuals experiencing homelessness.

San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, SDHC Vice Chair of the Board Ryan Clumpner, developer Affirmed Housing, service provider Father Joe's Villages and additional partners celebrated the groundbreaking for The Link.

When construction is completed, The Link will provide 86 total affordable rental studios: 72 permanent supportive housing units to address homelessness and 14 studios for individuals with income up to 50 percent of the San Diego Area Median Income.

SDHC awarded 72 rental housing vouchers to the development through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO.

[Read More](#)



### National and Local Honors for SDHC

SDHC initiatives to address the housing affordability crisis in San Diego and increase efficiency in its rental assistance program, as well as the agency's rehabilitation of properties to extend their affordability, are among the recipients of eight awards or nominations, honoring SDHC accomplishments.

[Read More](#)



### SDHC 40th Anniversary

SDHC launched a special, commemorative section of its website in recognition of its 40 years of providing housing assistance to San Diegans with low income or experiencing homelessness. This section includes an interactive timeline, video and recognition of the Mayors, Housing Authority members and SDHC Board members since 1979.

[Read More](#)



John Bohm Legislative Advocacy Award Presentation April 19, 2019

### Legislative Award for State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins

I joined my colleagues from the California Association of Housing Authorities (CAHA) to present the John Bohm Legislative Advocacy Award to California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins.

SDHC nominated Senator Atkins for this well-deserved recognition.

Throughout her career in public service, Senator Atkins has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the creation of affordable housing and addressing homelessness.

Senator Atkins is the first person to receive this honor other than the award's namesake, John Bohm, who was the longtime legislative director for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



Source of Income Ordinance News Conference July 31, 2018

### San Diego City Council President Honored

San Diego City Council President Georgette Gómez was honored with an award for leadership and advocacy for changes to the City's Municipal Code to provide more housing opportunities for SDHC's rental assistance families.

The Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (PSWRG-NAHRO) recognized her with its "In Appreciation" award for her work in 2018 on the City of San Diego's Source of Income Ordinance.

The ordinance she introduced prohibits landlords from declining a tenant based only on the household receiving Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance. The full City Council adopted the ordinance on July 31, 2018. The ordinance becomes enforceable on August 1, 2019.

SDHC nominated her for this award. She has championed a variety of solutions to the shortage of affordable housing in the City of San Diego, and her leadership on this important issue continues to make a difference for the families SDHC serves.

[Read More](#)



[SDHC Website](#)



[Previous SDHC Email Updates](#)



[SDHC Annual Reports](#)

We're About People

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 low-income and homeless San Diegans.

