California State Treasurer Fiona Ma visited the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) for the second time this year as one of the sites for a statewide tour she held to discuss affordable housing.

SDHC Chair of the Board Stefanie Benvenuto joined Treasurer Ma, as well as Deputy Treasurer, Housing and Economic Development Jason Ague and officials from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) and California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) to discuss potential updates to CTCAC and CDLAC regulations.

Approximately 65 people attended the SDHC session for Treasurer Ma’s 10-city tour about “Building for California’s Future,” including representatives from the offices of California State Senator Ben Hueso, California State Assemblymember Todd Gloria and San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, and developers, nonprofit partners, and supporters of creating more affordable housing.

The June 20 meeting at SDHC was streamed live on YouTube, and the video is available online.

I thank Treasurer Ma for her commitment to identifying solutions to housing challenges throughout California.

San Diego County Grand Jury Commends the SDHC Achievement Academy

I am pleased to share that the SDHC Achievement Academy has been recognized as an example of “performing in an outstanding manner or providing noteworthy community services.”

The San Diego County Grand Jury, which reviews operations of governmental programs in the region, issued a report commending the SDHC Achievement Academy for its programs that are designed to improve the lives of clients while simultaneously reducing their dependence on public assistance.

The SDHC Achievement Academy is essential to our mission to provide opportunities for the families we serve to improve their quality of life.

Launched in October 2010, the SDHC Achievement Academy is a learning and resource center and computer lab that provides programs that emphasize career planning, job skills and personal financial education.

570 Apartments Renovated, Affordability Extended

The renovations and extended affordability of 570 affordable rental apartments, in partnership with SDHC, were celebrated with the rededication of Vista Terrace Hills and Coronado Terrace in the San Ysidro area of San Diego.

Dozens of residents joined California State Assemblymember Todd Gloria, SDHC Chair of the Board Stefanie Benvenuto, developer Eden Housing and me for the event.

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Representative Juan Vargas, California State Senator Ben Hueso, California State Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and San Diego City Councilmember Vivian Moreno also participated in the rededication event, including a proclamation from the Mayor declaring “Vista Terrace Hills-Coronado Terrace Day” in San Diego.