

November 7, 2019

This week, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) gathered with civic leaders and community partners for a special celebration of SDHC's 40th Anniversary.

We were honored to have California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins deliver the keynote address and present SDHC's Housing Champion Award to San Diego City Council President Georgette Gómez.



Richard C. Gentry
SDHC President & CEO

California State Assembly Majority Whip Todd Gloria and City Councilmembers Jennifer Campbell, Chris Ward and Monica Montgomery also participated in this commemoration of the positive impact SDHC's programs have had over the last four decades on individuals and families with low income and/or experiencing homelessness.

I invite you to read more about our recent activities, as SDHC continues its innovative approaches to providing housing assistance in the City of San Diego.



SDHC's Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report
Published Online
November 5, 2019

SDHC's Annual Report Highlights Accomplishments

SDHC's accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2019 are highlighted in the agency's Annual Report, published this week on SDHC's website, www.sdhc.org

This year's Annual Report includes a special 40th Anniversary commemorative section, including a timeline of 40 milestones, as well as embedded videos of our program participants sharing their stories, in their own words.

In addition, graphics in this report display the impact of SDHC's programs in providing federal rental assistance, addressing homelessness, and creating and preserving affordable housing.

[Read the Annual Report](#)



City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness
Accepted by City Council
October 14, 2019

City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness Approved

I was pleased to join Ann Oliva, the Senior Policy Advisor to the CEO of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), and Liz Drapa, the Vice President of Field Operations and Consulting for CSH, to present to the San Diego City Council the City of San Diego's Community Action Plan on Homelessness.

Through a contract with SDHC on behalf of the City of San Diego, CSH, a nationally recognized consultant with broad expertise in the area of homelessness, developed this plan.

With a clear vision and specific recommendations, this Community Action Plan will move San Diego forward. It provides a balanced approach that emphasizes creating permanent or longer-term housing, while also providing the resources necessary to meet immediate, crisis response needs to make a difference in the lives of families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

The initial development of this plan included the creation of a Steering Committee that consisted of key staff members from the office of Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, the office of San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, and SDHC. The Steering Committee supported the work of CSH through all phases of the plan development.

The participation and input of more than 200 members of the community, including individuals who have experienced homelessness and those who regularly work directly with individuals experiencing homelessness, contributed to the development of the goals, principles, recommendations and strategies in this Community Action Plan.

[Read the Community Action Plan on Homelessness](#)



2019 Vic Kops Humanitarian Award
Presented October 10, 2019

Humanitarian Award for SDHC

SDHC, Sharp Healthcare and Bank of America were honored with the 2019 Vic Kops Humanitarian Award for their partnership on the Family Reunification Program, which reconnects San Diegans experiencing homelessness to family or other support systems.

The award, which recognizes "humanitarian efforts that have enriched and improved" downtown San Diego, was presented by the Downtown San Diego Partnership at its 57th Annual Alonzo Awards dinner on October 10, 2019.

S&P Global Ratings

S&P Global Ratings Report
October 1, 2019

SDHC's 'AA' Credit Rating Affirmed

SDHC's "AA" credit rating has been affirmed for the sixth consecutive year by Standard & Poor's Global Ratings.

SDHC's "very strong overall strategy and management" and the agency's "very strong financial profile" were among the reasons Standard & Poor's cited for affirming the rating, which is their second highest overall and the highest rating S&P will provide to a local public housing authority because of housing authorities' reliance on federal government funding.



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SDHC's 40th Anniversary

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.