



January 30, 2020

The first month of the new year provided the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) and our partners with opportunities to celebrate new beginnings through the start of construction on developments that will produce 485 new affordable rental apartments.

Of these units, more than 350 will be set aside for San Diegans experiencing homelessness.

Also in January, I joined hundreds of volunteers to participate in the annual Point-in-Time Count census of individuals experiencing homelessness.

I invite you to read more about these SDHC activities.



Richard C. Gentry SDHC President & CEO



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Villa Groundbreaking January 21, 2020

### More Than 400 Affordable Apartments Break Ground

The pending construction of 403 new affordable apartments was celebrated as a source of hope for the community and the individuals and families who will call these apartments home.

San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, and SDHC Chair of the Board Stefanie Benvenuto were among the speakers at the groundbreaking for the development, which I was pleased to attend.

This SDHC partnership development with the nonprofit organization Father Joe's Villages, known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta Villa, will include 270 units designated for San Diegans experiencing homelessness.

SDHC awarded \$11.5 million in loans and 270 federal rental housing vouchers to support the development through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC's homelessness action plan. SDHC also authorized the issuance of up to \$123 million in Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, with the approval of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego.

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Benson Place Groundbreaking January 7, 2020

### Former Motel Transforming into Permanent Supportive Housing

The transformation of a former motel will create 82 affordable rental apartments with supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

I was pleased to join City Councilmember Vivian Moreno at the groundbreaking for this SDHC partnership development with Father Joe's Villages.

Through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC awarded \$4.8 million loan and 82 federal rental housing vouchers to support this development, which will be known as Benson Place.

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"WeAllCount" Annual census of people experiencing homelessness January 23, 2020

### 'WeAllCount' Annual Point-in-Time Count Homelessness Census

More than 1,700 volunteers fanned out throughout San Diego in the early morning hours to conduct the annual Point-in-Time Count census of individuals experiencing homelessness in San Diego.

U.S. Representative Scott Peters, California Governor Gavin Newsom, California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, California Assemblymember Todd Gloria, San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox, San Diego City Councilmember Chris Ward, City Attorney Mara Elliott, SDHC Vice Chair Ryan Clumpner and Commissioners Margaret Davis, Johanna Hester, and Kellee Hubbard, and I were among the volunteers.

The count is essential to secure millions of dollars in Federal Continuum of Care funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for local homelessness programs, of which SDHC administered approximately \$4.9 million in Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless organizes the annual count. Results from the count are anticipated to be released in the spring.



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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.