On the evening of March 19, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order banning gatherings of more than 50 people and ordering non-essential businesses to shut down to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. SDHC immediately informed all employees to work from home, with a follow-up notice the next day to continue to work from home until further notice unless they are identified as essential employees by the Commission. SDHC’s programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of low-income families, seniors, veterans and additional individuals with low income responsibilities to the public and provide essential housing assistance to those most in need.

Coordinated Approach to Address Homelessness

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The Coordinated Approach to Address Homelessness (RTFH) serves those who are at risk of losing housing or without shelter. RTFH works with partnering organizations to coordinate services, build relationships and identify solutions, as needed. These efforts included opening larger areas of Golden Hall at the San Diego Convention Center near the City Administration Building and parts of the San Diego Convention Center in phases for social distancing and sheltering purposes.

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On March 25, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved a temporary ban on evictions on March 25, 2020. SDHC will provide staff on-site daily at the Convention Center to address questions, concerns and homeless San Diegans.

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SDHC’s actions also have provided for the continuing health and well-being of SDHC employees, as they continue to fulfill SDHC’s commitment every day to provide high-quality service to our customers.

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