SDHC Acquires Hotels to Create Permanent Housing

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, SDHC, and State Assemblymember-Elect Chris Ward, and organizations working together on this initiative for a news conference to update the status of the program.

I joined San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, Mayor-Elect Todd Gloria, City Councilmember Joe Manzanares, City Councilmember Joe Bielawa, and SDHC Commissioner Mike Johnson to announce the acquisition of two hotels. The initiative’s objectives are to protect the health of San Diegans experiencing homelessness during the pandemic and help them obtain housing as quickly as possible.

These properties provide 332 furnished units in good condition. Many of the households who have helped secure permanent or longer-term housing for close to 1,100 San Diegans experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These vouchers help pay rent for permanent housing with supportive services for individuals who experienced homelessness.

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New Palace in approximately 25 years. This was the first major renovation of New Palace in 30 years.

SDHC also provided 79 rental housing vouchers to help New Palace residents pay their rent. Residents have access to supportive services to assist them in stabilization.

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SDHC worked closely with the City of San Diego to identify these properties for purchase using funds from SDHC, the City of San Diego, and a loan from Chase Bank made these purchases.

State of California Project Homekey funds totaling $37.7 million were an essential source of funds for these purchases.

The City of San Diego provided a $7.5 million loan to SDHC for the purchase of the hotels for permanent housing.

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Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH), the San Diego Convention Center, Father Joe’s Villages, Alpha Project, Veterans Village of San Diego and additional service providers.

In December 2019, technology that supports the Housing Navigation Team implemented during Operation Shelter to Home to identify residents for permanent or longer-term housing for San Diegans experiencing homelessness.

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I invite you to read more about these activities below.