Moving to New Agency

Providing Rental Assistance

Advancing Policies

Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing

Achievement Academy

Housing and Urban Development transferred ownership to SDHC. In addition, SDHC leveraged the equity from former public housing units for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transferred ownership to SDHC. In addition, SDHC accessed low-interest loans from the California Infrastructure Bank and the Low Income Housing Bank Fund to acquire and preserve affordable and supportive housing. SDHC has continued to leverage the equity from former public housing units for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transferred ownership to SDHC. In addition, SDHC has continued to leverage the equity from former public housing units for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transferred ownership to SDHC.

Achievement Academy

Achievement Academy is a learning and resource center and computer lab with programs available at no cost to rental assistance families, public housing residents and participants in HABITAT FOR HUMANITY programs and services. Achievement Academy provides educational opportunities, including career planning, job skills, job placement and personal financial education.

SDHC’s Achievement Academy, a learning and resource center and computer lab with programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of San Diegans, has been recognized nationally for “the San Diego model,” our approach to providing housing assistance.

We’re About People

Previously a traditional public housing authority, SDHC has become an organization that owns properties, provides tenant-based rental assistance and administers federal housing programs. SDHC also offers a variety of programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of San Diegans. SDHC's experience and efficiency administering the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program contributed to the City of San Diego's decision to move to a Section 8 housing choice voucher program.

SDHC also continues to provide assistance for households with low income or experiencing homelessness. Many of SDHC’s innovations are possible because of the flexibility allowed by SDHC’s status as one of only 39 multifamily Housing Trust Fund (HTF) or special purpose bond fund (SPBF) agencies out of approximately 3,200 public housing and redevelopment agencies across the country.

Conclusion

In my nearly 25 years as President & CEO of SDHC, I have had the privilege of working with an exceptional leadership team and staff, and serving alongside many talented and community-minded individuals from throughout the housing and community development field. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support of the Board of Directors and the community that I have enjoyed with you over the years.

I have worked in affordable housing across the nation for 50 years. I have served as a CEO for the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, and prior to that I served as a senior officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). I am devoted to affordable housing and community development, and I am committed to ensuring that the people of San Diego and throughout the nation have access to safe, decent and affordable homes.

While this is a transition for me, it is not a retirement or a farewell. I look forward to what the future holds for SDHC and the people we serve. I am confident that the organization will continue to be successful, and I am proud to have served as its President & CEO."