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A combination of preserving existing affordable rental housing units and creating new units is essential to addressing the affordable housing challenges experienced in many communities nationwide, including the City of San Diego.

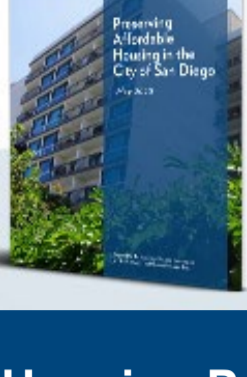
The San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) work in the areas of preservation and new construction continue to earn recognition and have a positive impact on households with low income and/or experiencing homelessness in San Diego.



Jeff Davis SDHC Interim President & CEO

In my inaugural newsletter as SDHC's Interim President & CEO, I am pleased to share with you details about national awards SDHC has received, as well as milestones in two developments to provide housing for vulnerable seniors in our city.

I invite you to read more about these recent activities.



SDHC's Affordable Housing Preservation Report Earns Prestigious National Honor

An SDHC report that provided strategies to preserve affordable housing in the City of San Diego received a prestigious national Award of Excellence from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

The report, "Preserving Affordable Housing in the City of San Diego," was one of only 18 programs or projects to receive an Award of Excellence from NAHRO this year.

NAHRO's Awards of Excellence recognize "outstanding innovation and achievement in housing and community development programs throughout the country."

After San Diego City Council Land Use and Housing Committee discussions related to SDHC's report and its recommendations, the San Diego City Council on October 27, 2020, approved seven actions proposed to implement a strategy for affordable housing preservation in the City of San Diego.

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Ivy Senior Apartments Grand Opening March 18, 2022

Grand Opening: Affordable Homes for Seniors who Experienced Homelessness

More than 50 seniors who experienced homelessness now have affordable rental homes of their own with supportive services at a new development built in collaboration with SDHC.

Ivy Senior Apartments in San Diego's Clairemont neighborhood celebrated its grand opening with a ceremony that featured California State Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chair Nathan Fletcher, San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate, former SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry, Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation President & CEO Ken Sauder, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) CEO Jennifer Hark Dietz, and St. Paul's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) CEO Carol Hubbard.

Ivy Senior Apartments provides 52 affordable studios for seniors age 55 and older with income up to 50 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income who experienced homelessness.

SDHC awarded 52 rental housing vouchers to help the residents pay their rent and a \$3.5 million loan to support this development. The loan consisted of funds SDHC administers: the City of San Diego Affordable Housing Fund and HOME funds the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded to the City of San Diego.

The units at Ivy Senior Apartments are among the more than 10,200 housing solutions created since 2014 through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC's homelessness action plan.

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Tizon Groundbreaking April 6, 2022

Hotel Transformation to Create Affordable Housing for Seniors

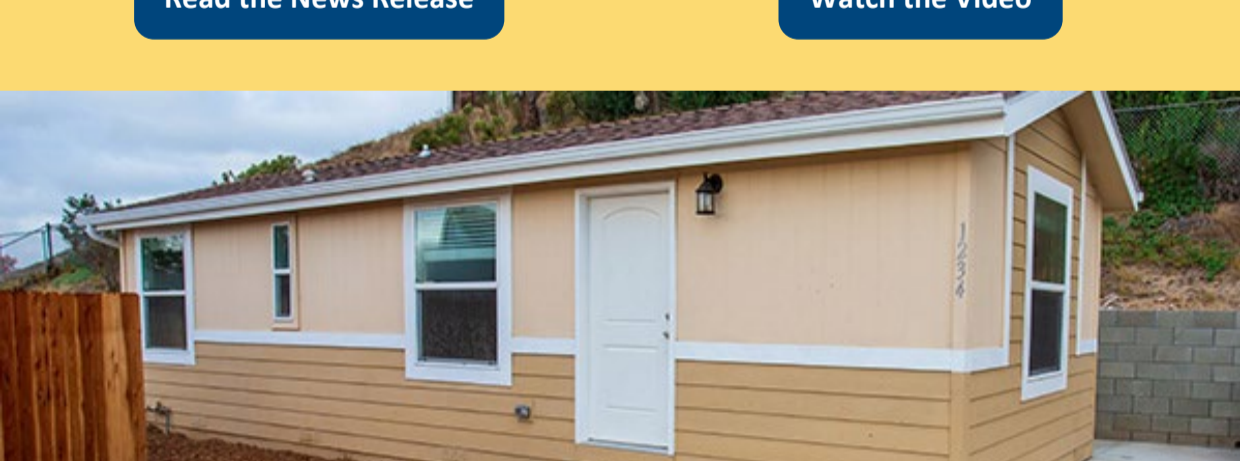
I joined San Diego City Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, developer Affirmed Housing, and additional partners to celebrate the groundbreaking for a project that will transform a former hotel into 175 affordable studio apartments for seniors with low income.

When it is completed, the Tizon development in San Diego's Rancho Bernardo neighborhood will remain affordable for 55 years for seniors age 62 and older with income up to 60 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income (AMI).

SDHC awarded 44 housing vouchers to help pay the rent for residents with income up to 40 percent of AMI. SDHC also is supporting this development with a \$4 million loan that consists of federal AMIs, and the San Diego Affordable Housing Fund, both of which SDHC administers. In addition, SDHC authorized the issuance of \$24.9 million in tax-exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue notes for this project.

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SDHC Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program Completion October 11, 2021

SDHC Accessory Dwelling Units Project Receives National Award

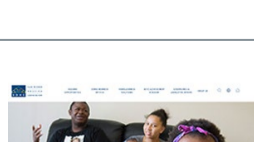
SDHC's pilot program to develop Accessory Dwelling Units and publish a report with lessons learned and key takeaways for San Diego property owners has been recognized with the Award of Single-Family Excellence from the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA).

Through its awards program, NALHFA, "strives to highlight achievements in local housing finance and encourage other agencies to look for new and innovative ways of meeting their affordable housing goals."

SDHC's [ADU Development Pilot Program](#) involved the construction of five ADUs—one each in the available yard space of five single-family homes SDHC owns and rents as affordable housing in the City of San Diego. These ADUs are leased to households with low income that receive Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance from SDHC.

The pilot program also produced the SDHC report "[Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program: Lessons Learned for San Diego Homeowners](#)," which is available on SDHC's website at www.sdhc.org/adu.

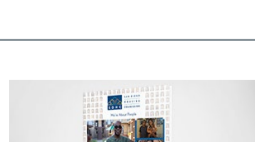
ADUs are one of the five main sources of potential additional housing units for the City of San Diego through 2028, according to SDHC's report, "[Addressing the Housing Affordability Crisis: San Diego Housing Production Objectives 2018-2028](#)." The report estimated ADUs could produce 2,700-5,500 units over 10 years.



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