



News from
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Councilmember Gloria Releases Affordable Housing Report

Land Use and Housing Committee Chair Cites Progress

SAN DIEGO, CA (February 3, 2010) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria, Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee, today released, “Meeting the Challenge: 2009 Progress in Affordable Housing.”

“By increasing affordable housing units, helping with first-time homebuyer programs, investing in housing rehabilitation programs and focusing on aiding the homeless and special populations, the Land Use and Housing Committee is expanding options for San Diegans,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“I am proud of our work in 2009 and look forward to additional success in 2010.”**

The report highlights the progress made in 2009 toward meeting the City of San Diego’s affordable housing challenges. The Land Use and Housing Committee provides oversight and input into the strategy and development of housing solutions for low and moderate income San Diegans.

Among the report’s findings:

- 693 new affordable housing units in eight different locations were created.
- 14,000 low-income families received rental assistance.
- Three new supportive housing developments totaling 170 affordable units were approved.
- 60 homes were rehabilitated for low income households using deferred-payment loans.
- 19 properties were retrofitted to become more accessible for those living with disabilities.

Also attending today’s news conference was Khadija Basir, a San Diego Housing Commissioner. With help from the Commission’s self-help programs, Ms. Basir, a single mother who formerly received housing assistance, was able to become economically self-sufficient and purchase her first home.

“Commissioner Khadija Basir’s story shows that people who are motivated to improve their lives will thrive with the right mix of services and housing assistance,” said Carrol Vaughan, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission.

The full report is available at www.sandiego.gov/cd3.

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Councilmember Gloria is available for morning news show participation on Thursday, February 4 at the North Park construction site of an affordable housing development or in studio. To make arrangements, please contact Katie Keach, 858-245-7673 or kkeach@sandiego.gov.