

## Affordable Housing Are We Meeting the Need?

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#### Overview:

- Introduction
- Definitions
- Existing Conditions
- Responses



San Diego's Voice for Affordable Housing

SDHF promotes the creation and preservation of homes that are affordable to families living on modest budgets and those in need

- Working families
- Seniors
- Veterans
- Foster youth
- Neighbors living with mental or physical disability



## Our Vision



San Diego is a thriving and sustainable region where all of us have access to a safe and stable place we can afford to call home



## Our Belief



A safe place to call home is the basis for all other successful outcomes in life – social, medical, educational, vocational.

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## To Start: What does "*affordable*" mean?

- Affordable
- Affordability Crisis
- Naturally affordable housing

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"Affordable Housing"

# What does "affordable" mean?

Housing is *"affordable"* when rent and utilities <u>or</u> the mortgage, taxes, and insurance represent no more than **30%** of a household's total income.





#### Clairemont vs. Regional Household Income



INCOME



#### Average Salaries by Job in San Diego



## Monthly Rental Gap in Affordability



San Diego Worker	35% of Gross Income for Rent and Utilities (Affordable)	Average Monthly Rent and Utilities (2 Bedroom Apartment)	Monthly Affordability Gap
Social Worker	\$1,558	\$1,354	\$204
Dental Assistant	\$1,093	\$1,354	(\$261)
Hotel Clerk	\$723	\$1,354	(\$631)
Daycare Worker	\$698	\$1,354	(\$656)
Food Service Worker	\$684	\$1,354	(\$670)





#### 2017 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOME HOUSING WAGE

Represents the hourly wage that a householder must earn (working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year) in order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a **TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOME**, without paying more than 30% of their income.



# "Affordability Crisis"

- Households are rent burdened
- Ownership is out of reach
- Wage earners are traveling > 1 hour for work

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• Housing production is not meeting need

## San Diego County Growth Projections



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Source: SANDAG, Series 13 Regional Growth Forecast

# Affordability Crisis

SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S INFLATION-ADJUSTED MEDIAN RENT INCREASED 32% WHILE MEDIAN RENTER INCOME DECLINED 2% FROM 2000 TO 2014



Source: CHPC analysis of 2000-2014 Census and ACS data. Median renter income and rent from 2001-2004 and 2015-2016 are estimated trends. Median rent and median renter income are inflation adjusted to 2014 dollars.





**Construction Industry Research Board** 



## Affordability Crisis





"Naturally Affordable Housing" New housing "filters down"

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*Typically:* 

- *Debt retired*
- 20+ years old
- Deferred Maintenance
- Lacking contemporary amenities
- Less desirable location
- Often absentee ownership













New housing typically "filters down" with time...

But in a constrained market, housing is BID UP.

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## "Affordable Housing"

Newly constructed or newly rehabilitated

- Subsidized affordable housing
- <u>Tax Credit</u> financed, or <u>Inclusionary</u>
- Income eligibility verified
- Professionally managed
- Resident services provided
- Affordability Covenant for 15-to-55 years

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## Affordable Housing – 1970's





#### Affordable Housing 1970's





























# Challenges

- Demand increasing faster than supply
- Lack of funding
- Public opposition/concern







- Support (& adopt policies) for good infill and transit-oriented development.
- Increase public awareness of the public benefits of affordable housing.

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• Support resources to build more affordable housing.



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