

Interactions with the San Diego Union-Tribune

“San Diego housing officials to jump-start hotel appraisal they suspended last year”

Sept. 14, 2022

Question:

I’m writing a daily about this attached SDHC letter today. Can you let me know if you want to provide any comment in response?

Response:

We encourage the SDHC to pursue whatever review they deem necessary to protect the interests of the public. We note the letter contains different explanations for why they have not acted until now, and wish to address any misunderstandings. All represented parties – SDHC, the City Council, and the Housing Authority - were well aware of the scope of litigation, and that it did not include the appraisal in question. Also, we do not agree that “SDHC no longer had the authority to obtain an evaluation of the previous appraisal” and do not know where they got that impression. Nothing our Office did assumed responsibility of SDHC operations or absolved the SDHC Board of Commissioners of its fiduciary duty to do whatever it felt necessary to address suspected deficiencies in its review or procedures. We note, too, that the appraisal they now question is the one originally before them, and the questions they raise could have been asked before they voted. We look forward to seeing the results of their review.