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Councilmember Todd Gloria Proud of Accomplishments as Regional Continuum of Care Council Elects New Chair

San Diego Housing Commission CEO Richard C. Gentry to Succeed Gloria as Presiding Officer

SAN DIEGO, CA (August 18, 2016) – Councilmember Todd Gloria’s tenure as chair of the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC) came to an end today, as the RCCC Governance Board unanimously voted to elect Richard C. Gentry, President & CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission as their new presiding officer. Councilmember Gloria served as chair for two terms alongside Vice Chair Nick Macchione, Director of the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency.

“It has been an honor to chair the Regional Continuum of Care Council for the last two years and work on San Diego’s coordinated efforts to solve regional homelessness,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“Getting San Diegans off the streets and into housing needs to be a top priority for leadership at all levels of government and we need all hands on deck to end homelessness. I am proud of the progress we have made during my time as chair, and although there is still much to do, I am confident Rick Gentry has the expertise and drive to make a significant positive impact on this critical issue.”**

The RCCC coordinates housing and establishes policy for providers throughout the region funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is specifically responsible for managing funds for the region’s Continuum of Care distributed by HUD. The Governance Board for the RCCC includes over 30 people representing various sectors throughout the county, including business, government, faith, education, service providers, and criminal justice.

“I join the community in thanking Councilmember Todd Gloria for his insightful leadership as the outgoing chair of the first Governance Board of the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council,” said Richard C. Gentry, President & CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission. **“I am honored to serve as the new chair, as we work together to redefine our approach in how we invest our federal resources to provide housing and services for our homeless San Diegans.”**

The Board also confirmed Vice Chair Nick Macchione and Secretary Karen Brailean, Partner, BFT Equity Partners to serve another term, and elected Deacon Jim Vargas, Father Joe's Villages as Treasurer, replacing outgoing Treasurer Sister RayMonda Duvall, Catholic Charities. The transition will maintain representation from San Diego’s city and county leadership, which is at the core of the RCCC’s regional collective impact approach, balanced in partnership with the private sector and strong service providers.

“As Vice Chair of the RCCC and the Director of the County’s Health and Human Services Agency, I am looking forward to continuing our Live Well San Diego partnership with the City of San Diego and the other 17 cities to implement initiatives, such as Project One for All, that will fully integrate services and housing for people who are currently living on the streets throughout our county region,” said Nick Macchione, Director of the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency.

The RCCC accomplished a great deal in the past two years since the Board was inaugurated under the leadership of Councilmember Gloria:

- The RCCC has secured \$16 million in federal funds annually to address homelessness;
- Succeeded in opening up the comment period to revise the federal funding formula to make sure SD receives its fair share of resources to combat homelessness;
- Maintains strong board member commitment to a common goal using the collective impact approach;
- Integrated all service providers into one data system and the adopted data sharing policies so that services and housing can be coordinated across providers;
- Reallocated over \$3 million in the past two years from poorer performing projects to new permanent housing projects;
- Launched a regional Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System to streamline how people access vouchers and are housed;
- The City housed over 200 Veterans through the City’s 1,000 Veterans Initiative, which is coordinated with the RCCC;
- The County launched Project One for All, committing to provide wraparound mental health treatment services to all individuals who are homeless and have a serious mental illness.

The RCCC’s adopted goals are in line with the federal Opening Doors goals to end veteran homelessness in the coming year, end chronic homelessness by 2017, and end homelessness among families and youth by 2020. In the coming year, the RCCC will remain committed to implementing programs and policies in line with the Housing First model to address homelessness, as housing paired with wraparound services is critical to getting people off the streets permanently, and has been proven to work in cities and counties nationwide.

Councilmember Gloria will continue to serve on the RCCC Governance Board through the end of his term on the City Council in December to ensure a smooth transition.

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