

Housing Commission Comments on Affordable Housing Task Force 8/15/03

During its August 15, 2003 meeting, the San Diego Housing Commission expressed gratitude for the hard work of the Affordable Housing Task Force and issued a general response of support for the implementation of the recommendations.

Members of the Housing Commission had specific comments, as follows:

- Should be clarification how the Housing Czar would interact with the Housing Commission staff.
- Coordination between City departments will be critical.
- Emphasis should be put on maximizing current funding resources for affordable housing in addition to seeking new revenue.
- Creative incentives for builders to respond to the housing shortage are needed.
- Adding additional units must be based on infrastructure being in place to support growth.
- Parking requirements should be studied to determine if reductions are warranted.
- The amount of money proposed to be raised for infrastructure will not sufficiently meet the need.
- When identifying future needs, we should look 20 to 30 years, rather than 10 years.
- Regarding the goal of providing 38% of all needed units to households with incomes at or below 80% of AMI, this target should be further broken down into more detailed affordability targets.
- There should be a strong annual monitoring program indicating how targets are being met with performance standards so we can measure success or failure to meet goals.
- Recommendations that can be implemented within the next 60-90 days should be identified and those that are an emergency response to emergency situation should be identified.