



SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2018, 12:00 PM
County Administration Center
7th Floor Meeting Room
1600 Pacific Highway, Downtown San Diego**

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ATTENDANCE

Present:	Barbara Bry Chi Elder	Ricardo Flores Rossina Gallegos	Laura Nunn Cher Stingo	Adolfo Ventura
Absent:	Ron Roberts Antonio Barbosa	Rockette Ewell Kyra Greene	Elizabeth Schott Krista Torquato	

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Barbara Bry called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Skank of Sisu Academy announced the creation of San Diego’s first tuition-free boarding school for disadvantaged youth.

ITEM 3 TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

- The **Housing Federation** just released its housing needs data report.
- The Call for Proposals for the **Housing Federation’s** annual conference Oct. 3-4 is open until June 1.
- Staff from Civic San Diego gave an update on their middle income housing fund, which **Council President Pro Tem Bry** is providing assistance with.
- **Council President Pro Tem Bry** reported continued work on bringing a potential “Cop on the Block” housing program to fruition.

ITEM 4 STAFF REPORT

Staff provided a summary report on the Earned Income Tax Credit/Free Tax Prep collective action project and shared preliminary tax season statistics. The RTF-led Free Tax Prep San Diego campaign, funded by a grant from Citi Community Development, operated tax preparation services at affordable housing complexes in San Ysidro, Spring Valley, Logan Heights and Downtown San Diego, as well as at the Housing Commission. The grant also supported tax prep at the San Diego EITC Coalition’s three shopping mall-based sites operated by Dreams for Change in Escondido, Mission Valley and National City.

The Free Tax Prep San Diego campaign included a branded logo, postcards, flyers, posters, and e-blasts to client mailing lists. Postcards and flyers were mailed to 17,000 Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) recipients and SDHC tenants in February, with a second mailing sent in March. Additional paper and e-flyers were distributed by hand and through partners. These outreach efforts helped maintain steady program participation from 2017 to 2018, despite the 2018 season being a week shorter than 2017 due to a late start

by the IRS, and despite falling year-over-year participation nationally – most likely due to the late tax season start date. The San Diego EITC Coalition, of which Free Tax Prep San Diego is a member, prepared 15,538 returns in 2017 and 15,513 in 2018 – essentially flat, with a decline of just 25 returns.

ITEM 5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Rossina Gallegos, seconded by Laura Nunn, and passed by a vote of 7-0.

ITEM 6 Information Item: Accessory Dwelling/Companion Units (“Granny Flats”)

Representatives from City Council District 9, the San Diego Promise Zone, the County, and SDHC provided an overview of their agencies’ programs, initiatives and recent changes made in an effort to promote the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as a means of expanding the region’s housing supply. Both the City and County have reduced building requirements and fees in line with state requirements. SDHC is undertaking pilot financing and construction test projects. The City of San Diego is working in collaboration with nonprofits and architects to develop an “ADU toolkit” or set of pre-approved architectural plans that will speed approval and construction. The Promise Zone’s Affordable Housing Workgroup is examining all of these efforts and developing plans for collaboration on them.

Discussion and questions touched on potential bank involvement in new financing methods; environmental sustainability; the need for rehab and deferred maintenance on a property’s main dwelling; the size of the market; and the potential timeline.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Bry needed to leave at 1:05pm and adjourned the meeting at that time, but discussion continued until 1:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Crompton – Reinvestment Task Force Manager
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