



# SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2016, 12:00 PM  
County Administration Center  
7th Floor Meeting Room  
1600 Pacific Highway, Downtown San Diego**

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## ATTENDANCE

<b>Present:</b>	Krista Torquato Chi Elder	Rossina Gallegos Wendell French	Vino Pajanor Elizabeth Schott
<b>Absent:</b>	Ron Roberts Myrtle Cole Myeisha Gamino	Rockette Ewell Racquel Vasquez Carmen Amigon	Kyra Greene

## **ITEM 1**      CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Krista Torquato called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

## **ITEM 2**      PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## **ITEM 3**      TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vino Pajanor announced that HOC has signed an MOU with the Small Business Development Corp., a partnership facilitated through the RTF's collective action initiative, to provide small business counseling and workshops on the Virtual Counselor Network.

Rossina Gallegos shared that 2016 was a third record year of small business initiatives and contributions from Union Bank. Krista Torquato announced that Bank of America's Neighborhood Builder grant, \$200,000 in flexible funding, had been awarded to Accion. Elizabeth Schott announced that Accion would send an acting representative to the RTF, Vallery Belloso, during Elizabeth's pending maternity leave, starting at the end of January.

## **ITEM 4**      STAFF REPORT

**Community Investment Surveys:** Some of the banks are still completing the surveys, which will delay the data analysis and release of results until after the beginning of the year.

**Election Results:** Staff shared news of recent election results related to housing, such as the successful passage of the City of San Diego's Proposition M, which was heard at the RTF in September, and Los Angeles' \$1.2 bond for homelessness services and housing, Measure HHH.

**Co-Chair Staff:** Daisy Crompton recognized, introduced and thanked new RTF liaison staff in the offices of City Councilmember Cole (Eric Miller) and Board of Supervisors Chairman Roberts (Adrian Granda).

**RTF Calendar:** Staff explained that, lacking quorum to vote today, the RTF would vote on its 2017 calendar in January. This means that the January meeting would be labeled a “Special Meeting.” The group discussed future alternatives for approving minutes, such as voting by email or proxy.

**ITEM 5            APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Last-minute cancellations due to illness meant that not enough members were present to vote on the minutes of the June 16, 2016; July 21, 2016; and September 15, 2016 regular meetings. (The quorum for a vote is eight members.) The minutes will be considered at a future meeting. (The June and July meeting minutes weren’t approved in July or September because not enough appointed members were present to constitute a quorum for voting purposes. Under the RTF’s bylaws, attendance by members’ alternates is welcomed and encouraged, but they can’t vote on RTF items. The RTF will consider amending this provision of the bylaws at a future meeting when the discussion can be noticed under the Brown Act.)

**ITEM 6            Action Item: Approval of the RTF’s 2017 Meeting Calendar**

Not enough members were present to vote on the 2017 calendar. The item will be reconsidered in January.

**ITEM 7            Information Item: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

Branden Butler, the Senior Attorney at the Fair Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, and President of the San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing (SDRAFFH), briefed the RTF on SDRAFFH, a collaboration of professionals working in fair access to equal housing. He was joined by Jenny van der Heyde, a Senior Policy Analyst at the Housing Commission who has studied fair housing in depth. They also shared plans for SDRAFFH’s first-ever conference during Fair Housing Month next April.

The discussion revealed broad agreement that there is a natural synergy between the RTF and SDRAFFH, and interest in working together, particularly around lending. RTF members expressed a desire for continued dialogue, asked about plans for outreach for the conference, and inquired how they could help. Discussion also touched on a short explanation of SDRAFFH’s “secret shopper” work and studies, funded by HUD, to track local fair housing and lending; the group discussed returning to share SDRAFFH’s findings at the RTF.

**ITEM 8            Information Item: Policy Updates – Affordable Housing**

Laura Nunn, the Housing Federation’s Policy Director, summarized the results of the Federation’s newly-published study on the links between transit and affordable housing, *Location Matters: Affordable Housing and VMT [vehicle miles traveled] Reduction in San Diego County*. The Federation hopes the study, which found that affordable housing located near transit has a greater impact than market-rate housing on reducing VMT emissions, will make local projects more competitive for Cap & Trade funding.

The meeting ran out of time for two other updates scheduled under this item – new state regulations that facilitate the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), also known as “granny flats” or in-law units; and the introduction of a local coalition, Housing You Matters, working to lower the cost of building homes in the region – and will bring them back at a future date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair Krista Torquato adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daisy Crompton – Reinvestment Task Force Manager, San Diego Housing Commission