

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION CITY OF SAN DIEGO	CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY)
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TO: CITY COUNCIL	FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): Housing Commission	DATE: 9/17/2015
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SUBJECT: Declaring the City Council's commitment to affordable housing programs and services in the City of San Diego, in lieu of continually declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630

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COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND					
FUNCTIONAL AREA					
COST CENTER					
GENERAL LEDGER ACCT					
WBS OR INTERNAL ORDER					
CAPITAL PROJECT No.					
AMOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE):

ROUTING AND APPROVALS

CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
Liaison Office	ORIG DEPT.	Davis, Jeff	09/17/2015
	CFO		
	DEPUTY CHIEF	Graham, David	09/30/2015
	COO		
	CITY ATTORNEY	FitzGerald, Leslie	12/03/2015
	COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OFFICE	Jurado-Sainz, Diana	12/04/2015

PREPARATION OF: RESOLUTIONS ORDINANCE(S) AGREEMENT(S) DEED(S)

Adopt a resolution declaring the City Council's commitment to affordable housing programs and services in the City of San Diego, in lieu of continually declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Approve Requested Action

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Citywide

COMMUNITY AREA(S):	
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	The declaration of the City Council's commitment to affordable housing programs and services in the City of San Diego, in lieu of continually declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630, is not a project as defined by CEQA Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), as it is a government action related to general policy and procedure making which would not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.
CITY CLERK INSTRUCTIONS:	Please docket item for the Regular City Council meeting of December 15, 2015

COUNCIL ACTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Requested Action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND: The City of San Diego has the authority to declare the existence of a shelter crisis in the City of San Diego pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code section 8698.2(a)(1), because a significant number of persons in the City are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.

The City of San Diego has continually declared the existence of a shelter crisis to address specific affordable housing-related problems as they arise, most recently on March 24, 2015, by Resolution No. R-309576, which declaration is deemed to constitute a local emergency.

In addition to continually declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to California Government Code section 8698.2(a)(1), on August 6, 2002, the Council of the City of San Diego adopted Resolution No. R-296982, specifically declaring a local housing state of emergency due to the severe shortage of affordable housing in the City of San Diego, pursuant to California Government Code section 8630.

The state of emergency has been continually declared approximately every two weeks from and after August 6, 2002, to the present date.

The City Council, with the assistance of and in partnership with the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission), has taken actions since the adoption of Resolution R-296982 to address and mitigate the shortage of affordable housing, including, but not limited to:

- The adoption and amendment of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations Ordinance (O-19189);
- The amendments of the Housing Trust Fund Ordinance (O-20431) to create additional affordable housing;

- The launch on November 12, 2014, of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, the Housing Commission’s three-year Homelessness Action Plan to create additional affordable housing with supportive services that will impact the lives of up to 1,500 homeless San Diegans;
- The transfer of full ownership of 1,366 Federal public housing units to the Housing Commission through a landmark agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on September 10, 2007;
- Leveraging the equity from these former public housing units to create and preserve 810 affordable housing units through public-private partnerships and direct acquisitions;
- The rehabilitation of the historical Hotel Churchill, with completion expected in 2016, to provide housing for homeless Veterans, youth aging out of foster care, and adults exiting the corrections system who will also need supportive services;
- The Housing Commission’s adoption of an agency-wide, two-year Strategic Plan on January 17, 2014, to move the Housing Commission forward with its mission to “provide affordable, safe and quality homes for low- and moderate-income families and individuals in the City of San Diego and provide opportunities to improve the quality of life for the families that the Housing Commission serves”; and
- Many additional initiatives undertaken by the City of San Diego and the Housing Commission, together with partners, including the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego and the Successor Agency, in collaboration with Civic San Diego and the County of San Diego.

The City of San Diego, the Housing Commission, and the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego have determined to continue joint collaboration to address homelessness in the City of San Diego and to provide additional affordable housing through all possible avenues.

All of the aforementioned public agencies can continue their work to address the shortage of affordable housing without the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe Shortage of Affordable Housing pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

There appears to be no continuing legal benefit to be derived from continuing to declare the emergency in view of the collaboration of the public agencies within the City and County of San Diego, including without limitation, the City of San Diego, the San Diego Housing Commission, the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, the Successor Agency and Civic San Diego.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council should adopt a resolution declaring its commitment to affordable housing programs and services in the City of San Diego, in lieu of continually declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The declaration of the City Council’s commitment to affordable housing programs and services in the City of San Diego, in lieu of continually declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630, is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), as it is a government action related to general policy and procedure making

which would not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The determination that this activity is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3), is not appealable and a Notice of Right to Appeal the Environmental Determination (NORA) is not required. Processing under the National Environmental Policy Act is not required as no federal funds are involved in this action.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee): The City Council of the City of San Diego adopted resolution R-296982 on August 6, 2002, Declaring a State of Emergency Due to the Severe Shortage of Affordable Housing in the City of San Diego.

The state of emergency has been continually declared every two weeks from and after August 6, 2002, to the present date.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: N/A

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: Low-income and homeless San Diegans.

Davis, Jeff
Originating Department

Graham, David
Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer