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# City of San Diego Seeks \$5 Million in New State Affordable Housing Funds

## DESIGNATION AS 'PROHOUSING CITY' ALLOWS CITY TO APPLY FOR EXCLUSIVE PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM FUNDS

SAN DIEGO – Today the San Diego City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City of San Diego to apply for up to \$5 million in affordable housing funds from the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD). If approved, San Diego would use the funds to support the immediate construction or acquisition of new homes for low-income residents and those currently experiencing homelessness.

The City of San Diego recently earned a prohousing designation from the HCD based on policies adopted by the City that prioritize and expand new home construction, making San Diego eligible to apply for and receive funding through the state's Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program. San Diego is one of only 10 local agencies that have earned the Prohousing Designation from the State of California.

**"Being officially designated a 'prohousing city' provides San Diego an advantage when we compete for state funds for affordable housing, and this resolution will ensure we make the most of that edge," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "This is just another step toward our goal to make sure all San Diegans have a roof over their head at a price they can afford."**

If awarded, the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program funds received by the City would support efforts to secure homes under the state's Homekey Program, which converts commercial properties and other existing buildings to permanent or interim housing. To date, the City has received \$49.5 million in Homekey funds which has created 372 permanent homes.

Following today's City Council action, the City's Economic Development Department will submit an application to the HCD by the March 15 deadline. A response from the state is expected within 60 days.

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