



March 15, 2024

Sarah Aghassi Interim Chief Administrative Officer 1600 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Aghassi,

The City of San Diego (City) and San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) are in receipt of your request for staffing assistance to help collect documentation and communicate with participants of the County of San Diego's (County) Emergency Temporary Lodging (ETL) program.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria issued a Declaration of Local Emergency the afternoon of January 22, directly following the storms, followed quickly by a declaration from the County. The City activated its Emergency Operations Center and worked closely with the Housing Commission to refer 313 households into temporary housing until the County could stand up its regional housing program as part of its official emergency response.

The City and Housing Commission recognize the leadership of the County in leading our region's disaster response operations and are responding to your request for staffing resources. Specifically, the City and Housing Commission will be providing:

- 1 City of San Diego staff or contractor with expertise in housing navigation and landlord engagement.
- 2 Housing Commission staff with expertise in identifying units and landlord engagement (Unit Search Team/UST). (The UST will work remotely and provide assistance in identifying units/connecting to landlords once information on a family's housing needs is provided to the UST).

Thank your partnership and leadership in ensuring we are serving the needs of our communities. As noted in past conversations, neither the City nor the Housing Commission have any available resources for rental assistance, and the Housing Commission and City look forward to continued conversations between our agencies on how we can collectively identify additional resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Adrian Granda, Director of Government Affairs, at ADGranda@sandiego.gov or 619-218-7083 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer

City of San Diego

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President and CEO

San Diego Housing Commission