# SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
**Thursday, September 17, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**
**San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)**
**1122 Broadway, 4th Floor Board Room, San Diego, CA 92101**

Meeting recording archived at:
https://www.youtube.com/live/9bTOpdkzK4Q?si=AJTn67nSFrjX5or9

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## ATTENDANCE

**Present:**

Co-chair and San Diego City Councilmember Henry L. Foster III
Co-chair and San Diego County Supervisor Monica-Montgomery Steppe
Peter Armstrong, Wakeland Housing
Antonio Barbosa, Wells Fargo
Robert Lopez, JPMorgan Chase (alternate)
Enrique Meza, U.S. Bank
Jolena Pamilar, Accessity (alternate)
Sergio Quero, Citibank
Karina Velazquez, LISC San Diego (alternate)
Adolfo Ventura, MAAC Project

**Absent:**

Irene Bwayo, International Rescue Committee
Jimmy Chen, LISC
Emile Dang, JPMorgan Chase
Estela De Los Rios, CSA San Diego County
Kwofi Reed, Habitat for Humanity
Stephen Russell, San Diego Housing Federation
Pamela Gabriel, Bank of America

## ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair and San Diego City Councilmember Henry L. Foster III called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

## ITEM 2 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

There were comments from members of the public about personal issues and concerns; potential public-private partnerships to help formerly redlined communities in San Diego County; requesting data from the RTF members about how they are addressing the banking and credit service needs of low- to moderate-income residents; and whether or not the RTF should disband.

## ITEM 3 TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

RTF member comments addressed financing for new affordable rental housing units to be developed at the existing Mercado Apartments near Downtown San Diego, as well as the recent grand opening of a separate affordable housing development in Imperial Beach for seniors—including those who have experienced homelessness—that includes a new community center and is a partnership with United Methodist Church.

## ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There were no public comments. Motion by Adolfo Ventura to approve the April 30, 26, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by San Diego County Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe. The minutes were approved as corrected with one abstention. There were no comments from members of the public.

## ITEM 5 Informational Item: Follow-up to Fiscal Year 2026 Financial & Programmatic Update

SDHC Vice President, Financial Operations Christelle Van Der Windt presented additional information about the RTF financial and programmatic report presented at the previous meeting on April 30, 2026. There were no comments or questions from members of the public or RTF members.

**ITEM 6 Potential RTF Projects**

Debra Fischle-Faulk presented three potential projects for consideration by RTF members about how to use of its available project and/or program funds: a Barrier Removal Initiative, RTF Website Modernization & Community Resource Hub and a Home Preservation Funding Partnership. There were no comments from members of the public. The majority of RTF member comments favored the exploration of an effort to modernize the RTF website to better serve as an information and resource hub, that also could address the issue of removing barriers for underserved communities to access financial, housing, business, and community resources. There were additional suggestions about cost considerations, user experience, maintenance, and collaboration with established, related community organizations. Six RTF members volunteered to participate in a working group to support this project. A motion was made by Co-chair and San Diego County Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe directing staff to develop an implementation plan that includes a budget for the RTF Website Modernization & Community Resource Hub and the Barrier Removal Initiative for review and approval. The motion was seconded by Co-chair and San Diego City Councilmember Henry L. Foster III and passed unanimously.

**ITEM 7 STAFF REPORT**

Debra Fischle-Faulk stated that RTF bank members will soon be receiving an email requesting that they complete the annual survey about community reinvestment activities in calendar year 2025. It is anticipated that survey results will be presented in February or March of 2027. There were no comments or questions from members of the public or RTF members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-chair Henry L. Foster III adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m. and stated that the next scheduled RTF meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zinnia Burgoin
Senior Administrative Assistant
San Diego Housing Commission

Approved by,

Debra Fischle-Faulk
Senior Vice President, Community and Strategic Initiatives
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