



# SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE



**Minutes of the Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017, 12:00 PM**  
**County Administration Center**  
**7th Floor Meeting Room**  
**1600 Pacific Highway, Downtown San Diego**

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## ATTENDANCE

<b>Present:</b>	Barbara Bry	Vino Pajanor	Phyllis Adamo (Chase)*
	Kyra Greene	Carmen Amigon	Valentina Ojeda (Accion)*
	Chi Elder		Jason Jarvinin (LISC)*
<b>Absent:</b>	Ron Roberts	Rockette Ewell	<i>*single-meeting appointments</i>
	Krista Torquato	Rossina Gallegos	Racquel Vasquez

## **ITEM 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Barbara Bry called the meeting unofficially to order, one short of quorum, at 12:13 p.m. The agenda’s information items, 7 and 8, were taken out of order and heard until a quorum was achieved at 12:50 p.m., at which time Co-Chair Bry called the meeting officially to order.

## **ITEM 2      PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

The new Co-Chair from the City of San Diego, Councilmember Bry, introduced herself, her Chief of Staff, Jamie Fox, and her Director of Policy, Vicky Joes, who will be her liaison to the RTF. Other announcements:

- Citi Community Development is holding a Community Land Trust convening in LA on April 27.
- HOC is in its fifth tax season delivering virtual VITA over the VCN with the EITC Coalition.
- Accion’s 8-week bi-annual academy will run February 21-April 18; applications are due February 5.
- CPI’s semi-regular report, “Making Ends Meet,” will be published at the end of March.
- Carmen Amigon announced she is resigning from the RTF, and was thanked for her contributions.

## **ITEM 4      STAFF REPORT**

Reporting back on items that have come before the RTF and/or are minor projects of the RTF:

- **Promise Zone:** Activities kicked off in December with an all-partners meeting and a January federal grants workshop, but workgroups aren’t meeting yet. RTF staff are connecting new partners, such as HOC, to the PZ. The Encanto Village kitchen/small business incubator collaborative continues meeting.
- Union Bank is now successfully providing mortgages to buyers and owners who want to refinance the loan of their affordable for-sale home in the City of San Diego, meeting a need that was previously underserved until the issue was highlighted at the RTF.
- The San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing, whose leadership held a discussion with the RTF at the November meeting, are collaborating with the San Diego Housing Federation to hold their first all-day Fair Housing Conference on April 13.

**Other announcements:**

- February's meeting is expected to be a workgroup meeting.
- Wells Fargo's longtime representative to the RTF, Wendell French, retired in December. He was thanked in absentia for his many years of service.

**ITEM 5      APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting; July 21, 2016 Regular Meeting; September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting; and November 17, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Chi Elder, seconded by Kyra Greene, and passed by a vote of 8-0.

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

The RTF will continue meeting on the third Thursday of each month at noon, except for August and December, occasionally (roughly every other month) cancelling meetings in favor of holding workgroups instead. The specific dates are January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, September 21, October 19 and November 16. The calendar for 2017 was approved on a motion by Carmen Amigon, seconded by Kyra Greene, and passed by a vote of 8-0.

**ITEM 7      Information Item: Mortgage Credit Certificates**

Carrie Tapia from the San Diego Housing Commission's First-Time Homebuyer Program explained the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program, which allows qualified homebuyers earning less than 140% of area median income to claim a federal income tax credit of 20% of the annual interest paid on their mortgage while the buyer lives in the home. Prospective homebuyers see increased capacity to qualify for a mortgage because the credit reduced the buyer's federal income taxes, effectively increasing the purchaser's net earnings.

Questions and discussion focused on the need for outreach to families who don't realize they might qualify as well as families who *do* have the credit but forget to claim it in later tax years, and a refresher on the details of the City and the County's assistance programs for first-time homebuyers, including how new lenders can participate in the program.

**ITEM 8      Information Item: Housing You Matters Coalition**

Mary Lydon and Lori Holt Pfeiler of the newly-formed Housing You Matters, a broad-based coalition of local non-profits, housing advocates, government officials and business associations, outlined the organization's plans and goals, which include finding solutions to the affordable housing crisis by addressing the high cost of housing construction and development. The group's initial workplan calls for researching best practices and policies, and then educating policy makers, development professionals and the community at large about the factors that impact housing affordability, while also offering evidence-based solutions that might reverse the current trend toward increased unaffordability. Their main focus this year will be on creating a measurement tool for evaluating whether cities are meeting their Housing Assessment goals. Members agreed that the group's work will provide a valued service to the public and the region.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Barbara Bry adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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