



SAN DIEGO CITY-COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE



Minutes of the Special Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 9:00 AM

San Diego Housing Commission
1122 Broadway, Downtown San Diego

Meeting recording archived at <https://www.youtube.com/live/bxzT8u3c47w?si=SdICc5-1hgW4X2f2>.

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Monica Montgomery Steppe	Henry L. Foster III	Peter Armstrong
Robert Lopez for Emilie Dang	Antonio Barbosa	Irene Bwayo
Jared Hernandez for Estela De Los Rios	Jimmy Chen	Enrique Meza
Sarah Buchanan for Stephen Russell	Sergio Quero	Kwofi Reed
Adolfo Ventura	Angela Zappia	

Absent: Emilie Dang	Estela De Los Rios	Pamela Gabriel	Stephen Russell
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ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Monica Montgomery Steppe called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ITEM 2 NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 3 TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

Member comment touched on State advocacy as legislators allocate disaster assistance, and Board of Supervisors legislation to prevent post-disaster exploitative activities and lending.

ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 7, 2024 regular meeting were approved on a motion of Henry Foster, seconded by Antonio Barbosa, and passed by a vote of 14-0.

ITEM 5 STAFF REPORT

Daisy Crompton announced new partner reports and events, and explained that the RTF is moving back to a schedule of monthly meetings now that various special projects whose workgroup meetings had replaced monthly full-group meetings have been completed.

ITEM 6 Action Item: 2025 RTF Meeting Schedule

The RTF approved its calendar of 2025 meetings on a motion from Henry Foster, seconded by Peter Armstrong, and approved by a vote of 14-0. The 2025 schedule will be as follows, with all meetings planned to occur at the Housing Commission:

2025 RTF Schedule: (all dates 3rd Thu, unless noted otherwise)

***note 9 a.m. start time (all other meetings begin at 2 p.m.)**

Thursday, 3/20 from **9-11 a.m.***

Thursday, 4/17 from 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, 5/15 from 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, 6/12 from 2-4 p.m. (2nd Thursday)

Thursday, 7/24 from 2-4 p.m. (4th Thursday)

Thursday, 9/18 from **9-11 a.m.***

Thursday, 10/16 from 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, 11/13 from 2-4 p.m. (2nd Thursday)

ITEM 7 Information Item: Local Impact of Federal Executive Orders

Cristina Sanchez-Kerr, Assistant Director of Research at the Nonprofit Institute at USD, and Megan Thomas, President & CEO of Catalyst (formerly San Diego Grantmakers) presented a comprehensive overview of how funding cuts, pauses and other federal Executive Actions are impacting our local community development sector's work, mission and employees. USD surveyed community organizations to collect real-time data on changes that included significant layoffs, unpaid and cancelled grants and contracts, and program stoppages. RTF members all shared impacts they're seeing at their organization and in their industry, including deep federal funding cuts, cancelled appointments, essential safety net services cut, declining employee mental health, and the negative impacts that would affect multiple industries if Medicaid funding is reduced.

ITEM 8 Action Item: RTF Legislative Platform and Program

Karen Montufar-Federico and Eric Henson, Supervisor Montgomery Steppe's staffers to the RTF, offered a summary of the key issues that they had presented in November on creating an RTF advocacy program. These issues include potential topic areas, relationship to the Community Reinvestment Act, advocacy methods, and how similar public agencies develop and implement legislative advocacy programs. Member comment ranged from the importance of this for the RTF's mission and work, the urgent need to build movements around issues that support LMI residents, and opportunities for coalition-building, to the need for the RTF's member bank reps to obtain legal review at their lending institution.

The RTF voted 10-0 with abstentions by all four banks present to approve a motion from Sarah Buchanan, seconded by Peter Armstrong, to approve the Reinvestment Task Force's Legislative Platform, with its list of priority issues; request that intergovernmental relations staff at SDHC, the City, and the County work with the RTF in support of the RTF's platform; and delegate authority to the RTF's co-chairs to send letters of support on issues in the platform and/or when a quick turnaround is required. In addition, the co-chairs have authority to bring any issue to the RTF for discussion and/or a vote of support; support letters sent from the RTF as a whole will be preceded by an RTF vote; letters sent without accompanying discussion at the RTF will be signed by them as the co-chairs of the RTF and not implicitly or explicitly from the RTF as a whole; and the co-chairs will share with the RTF copies of all letters after they send them.

ADJOURNMENT

Monica Montgomery Steppe adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Crompton
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