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## Weekly Brief

San Diego's Voice for Affordable Housing



### Our Annual Conference was a Big Success - THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and presented at SDHF's Annual Affordable Housing and Community Development Conference and Pre-Conference Institutes last week.

Keynote speaker Chris Ko (left) of United Way of Greater Los Angeles



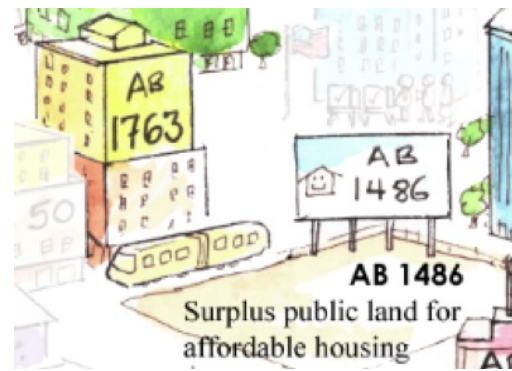
brought audience members to their feet (above) with an inspirational message. Kudos to our committee who planned 19 well-received workshops, networking opportunities and programming that spoke to the theme of Building a Movement.

Keep an eye on our social channels for photos coming soon!

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## SDHF Co-Sponsored Legislation Signed by Governor Newsom!

Governor Newsom has signed [AB 1486](#), a bill co-sponsored by SDHF, to strengthen and clarify the California Surplus Lands Act. The bill will take effect on January 1, 2020 and will give affordable housing developments the first right of refusal to build on property the government no longer needs. It further strengthens the law by clarifying which public agencies must comply and defining surplus lands, requiring notification of available land to interested affordable housing developers, and requiring local agencies to provide information on its disposition process to HCD, among other changes. The Governor also signed two other bills supported by SDHF: [AB 1763](#), to provide an additional 80 percent density bonus to 100% affordable developments near transit; and [SB 329](#), to prohibit landlords from rejecting prospective renters based solely on their form of payments being from government assistance.

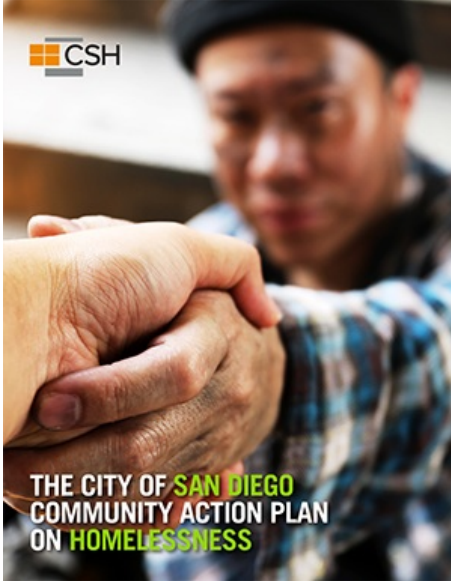


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## City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness Released

A long-awaited plan commissioned by the City of San Diego has been released and was heard at a City Council hearing on Monday, October 14. Prepared by CSH, the [City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness](#) identifies three goals within reach in three years: decrease unsheltered homelessness by 50 percent; finish the job of ending Veteran homelessness; and prevent and



end youth homelessness as outlined in the San Diego County Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness. The report also prioritizes long-term solutions, calling for 5,400 units of supportive and low-income housing to meet these goals. SDHF's Executive Director, Stephen Russell, spoke at the council hearing on the report, noting that the **Homelessness and Affordable Housing Bond** proposed by the Federation directly addresses the solutions identified in the report by providing the resources to build 7500 units that would immediately provide homes for people currently experiencing homelessness and create a safety net for people at risk of homelessness. The plan

provides the framework for a work plan that is expected to be developed by the City over the next few months.

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## SDHF Staff Nominated for Circulate San Diego Momentum Award



SDHF's Director of Policy & Programs, Laura Nunn, has been nominated in the "Advocate" category at **Circulate San Diego's Momentum Awards**. This event recognizes the people and projects in the San Diego region that are improving quality of life by advancing forward-thinking multi-modal transportation choices, better connectivity, and vibrant, healthy communities. In addition to her role advocating for the San Diego Housing

Federation, Laura has served on Circulate San Diego's Policy Committee for several years and recently authored an **op-ed** published in Voice of San Diego regarding a specific plan for housing and transportation in her community. Tickets for the Momentum Awards can be purchased [here](#).

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30th Anniversary Ruby Awards: Thursday, May 15, 2020  
North Park Observatory**

**Pre-Conference Institutes: Thursday, October 8, 2020  
Affordable Housing & Community Development Conference: Friday, October 9, 2020  
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina**

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