

# 2022 Highlights



#### Vision and Mission

Sacramento Housing Alliance (SHA) advocates for safe, stable, accessible, and affordable homes in the Sacramento region. SHA builds healthy communities through education, leadership, and policy change. Our vision is that everyone has a safe, accessible, and affordable place to call home in a healthy, inclusive neighborhood. Below are some of the highlights and accomplishments of our dedicated volunteer board of directors, small staff and our members carried out in 2022 in service to our mission.

# Aggie Square Community Benefits Agreement

SHA was a founding member and the incorporator of Sacramento Investment Without Displacement (SIWD), a broad-based community coalition. The coalition was formed out of community members' concerns that Aggie Square -- the multibillion-dollar expansion of the UC Davis Medical Center located adjacent to vulnerable, ethnically diverse neighborhoods-would cause massive displacement of low-income residents and small businesses. SHA provided education through meetings, one-one-one discussions and handouts that helped equip community organizations and neighbors to formulate a platform of housing-related programs needed to substantially mitigate this displacement, including programs to facilitate development of affordable housing to house new low wage workers who would be filling jobs at the new Aggie Square. Armed with this information, our coalition used both the legal system and public relations and negotiations to effectively obtain concessions from the University of California and the City of Sacramento. These concessions included commitments of \$50 million for affordable housing development in the Aggie Square-adjacent neighborhoods and \$10 million for an anti-displacement fund to be used by local community-based programs closest to the vulnerable constituents. SIWD also won a

commitment from the City of Sacramento to develop a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) ordinance which would require the City to adopt a CBA for any future development projects receiving economic subsidies from the City. The ordinance will address mitigations for housing, transportation, environmental and other neighborhood-threatening effects of large developments.



### Eighth Annual Regional Affordable Housing Summit

From October 12th – 14th, SHA presented our 8th Annual Regional Affordable Housing Summit with keynote speakers CA Assemblymember Buffy Wicks and Lourdes Castro Ramirez, CA Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. Summit participants received updates on State and local affordable housing tools and legislative updates from heads of State agencies, housing finance experts and advocates. Participants heard and asked questions of panelists addressing the Stockton Blvd revitalization and panelists highlighting recent collaborations among community organizations, affordable housing nonprofits, local governments and residents to increase the supply of affordable housing. A panel also discussed the State's new perspective on holding local jurisdictions accountable for local affordable housing goals and the State's enforcement role.



# **Housing Hero Awards**

SHA presented its annual Awards at a lively reception attended by a diverse group of community activists, advocates and representatives from nonprofit organizations and local and State governments. Awards were presented to teams producing and stewarding exceptional affordable housing developments, to Homeless Justice advocates and Affordable

Housing champions. The award ceremony each year highlights the huge and diverse village that is required to address the region's housing equity challenges. The following individuals and projects received awards:

#### Affordable Housing Developments of the Year (Legacy):

Sacramento Cottage Housing

Mutual Housing California's Davis Multifamily Trio

#### Affordable Housing Development of the Year (Completed or in Pipeline):

Vista Nueva - hotel conversion into permanent supportive housing by Jamboree.

#### Affordable Housing Champion of the Year:

Danielle Foster, Housing Policy Manager, City of Sacramento

#### Unhoused/Homeless Justice Champions of the Year:

Dr. Arturo Baiocchi, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, California State University Sacramento

Sacramento Homeless Union



# Transitioning Affordable Housing to All-Electric

SHA met with our constituent local affordable housing nonprofit representatives to plan out an advocacy strategy to ensure that the appropriate components were in place to move toward all-electric building practices for affordable housing. Successful negotiations led to a reasonable timeline and plan for City-implementation of an electric water-heating requirement for affordable rental developments pending SMUD adoption of Virtual Net Metering practice, a critical step in the process.



### Sacramento County Sewer Fee Waiver Program

As the sewer fee waiver program reached its cap for waivers, SHA coordinated affordable housing organizations and advocates in a campaign to educate County leaders and staff regarding the importance of waivers to make affordable housing developments feasible. After multiple meetings and advocacy with the County Board of Supervisors, the County established a policy expanding the program, allowing waivers to continue to be provided.



## **ProHousing Designation**

SHA worked with the City of Sacramento to obtain State recognition as California's first Prohousing City. The California Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program rewards Prohousing cities aggressively working to address California's housing crisis. The City was recognized for committing to policies and practices that help remove barriers to housing production. SHA's advocacy on progressive policies and programs played a critical role in getting these policies adopted by the City. The Prohousing designation makes the City eligible for community development resources, including funding to facilitate local housing production and preservation.



### Monitoring local adherence to State housing laws:

SHA petitioned the CA State Department of Housing and Community Development to use its enforcement power when the City of Elk Grove illegally denied an application for construction of a multifamily affordable housing development. The Department responded and subsequently the CA Attorney General sent a warning notice to officials advising the City to comply with the law or face litigation. The Attorney General subsequently filed a lawsuit against the City.



## <u>CalAIM Program Advocacy</u>

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a multi-year initiative to reform Medi-Cal to improve health outcomes for low-income Californians with complex needs and includes a focus on people experiencing homelessness. SHA coordinated local advocates to advocate that the State allow use of CalAIM program dollars to cover some costs for services for formerly homeless individuals living in Permanent Supportive Housing developments, a critical funding need for the success of these communities.



# Affordable Housing Tour

SHA annually conducts bus tours so that government staff and elected officials, neighborhood activists, community service providers and other residents get a firsthand look at high quality affordable housing in our region. Tours go to several affordable housing communities, and participants hear from the housing residents, sponsors, developers and service providers, as well as get a glimpse into these affordable, regulated apartments and homes. For a fee, SHA runs bus tours for groups, including government agencies. For our public annual tours, we obtain sponsors to keep costs for participants free or very reduced. In 2022, still in pandemic-mode, our Affordable Housing Bus Tour went digital. We streamed the tour live on Facebook and it had 265 views, more than we could accommodate on a single in-person bus tour.



# <u>Awards and Recognition</u>

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty awarded SHA "Nonprofit Organization of the Year" for his assembly district. SHA received "Golden Hammer" award from Sacramento Habitat for Humanity for supporting local self-help housing efforts.

