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US Housing and Urban Development Leaders Visit Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Successes Santa Clara County Housing Authority Shares Innovations in Affordable Housing

San Jose, CA -- Yesterday, the Santa Clara County Housing Authority hosted Housing Urban Development (HUD) Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary [Richard Monocchio](#) and other HUD officials for a full-day tour and discussion of affordable housing needs in Santa Clara County.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to tour the new affordable housing units in Santa Clara County,” said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio. “I’ve worked in many communities, and I have seen firsthand the positive impact supportive housing can have when built around the strengths and needs of the community. Santa Clara County is making progress to house all its residents.”

“HUD’s visit confirms that the Santa Clara County Housing Authority is an agent of change to make housing accessible in one of the most expensive real estate markets in the US,” said Preston Prince, Executive Director of the Housing Authority. “We are committed to becoming a stronger partner in the community while we address the critical affordable housing needs. We are using flexible funding to innovate our approach to deliver housing and support services throughout the County. We are creating vibrant and inclusive communities by developing new housing and preserving existing options,” he added.

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority is undergoing an organizational transformation under new executive leadership with an enhanced vision to engage in opportunities to increase the supply and quality of affordable housing, create stronger strategic partnerships to leverage resources, advocate for housing policy changes, and build strong community partnerships to ensure a future where everyone in Santa Clara County can thrive.

The Housing Authority owns over 2,700 affordable housing units throughout Santa Clara County and provides affordable housing vouchers to more than 20,000 families.



(from left to right) SCCHA Resident Commissioner Ericka Mendieta, Executive Director of Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) Preston Prince, SCCHA Resident Commissioner Marilyn Russell, and HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio.



HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio (left) and Santa Clara County Housing Authority's Director of Real Estate, Flaherty Ward tour the construction site of Bellarmino Place.



HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio (left) speaks with an SCCHA resident commissioner while touring Lenzen Gardens.



HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio (center) with SCCHA staff and leadership (from left to right) Adrian Guerra, Nathan Ho, Emily De La Guerra, Flaherty Ward, Gerard Windt, Preston Prince, Angie Garcia-Nguyen, Eduardo Cabrera, Marilyn Russell, Rebecca Rudzianis, Russell Brunson, Kai Jennings, Ericka Mendieta.