Santa Clara County Affordable Housing Advocacy Organization

3-Year Organization Plan

November 2014

Initial 3-year goals:

- 1. Replace 100% of the funding lost when redevelopment funding ended: \$64 million per year to subsidize construction of new affordable housing units.
- 2. Become the central source of information and opportunities for advocacy on affordable housing issues.
- 3. Become the convener of organization and individuals to advocate for affordable housing policies and funding.

3-Year Program/Operations Highlights

Year 1

Staff: Full time Executive director, Consultants for organizational development activities

Advocacy

Overall: Get a seat at the table

- Establish and maintain key relationships with policy-makers and staff on housing issues; Establish organization as the leader in pro-housing advocacy
- Advocacy for local government and private sector funding, eg:
 - Housing impact fees
 - o Commercial linkage fees
- Advocacy on housing element implementation (prioritized by city)
- Be in a position to respond with policy, people, data when issues arise

Organization Development and Communications

- Governance
 - o Board of Directors, and Policy Council
 - Work plan and budget
 - o Address fiscal sponsorship and back office needs
- Membership and Communications
 - o Develop membership structure, collateral, sales program
 - o Drive affordable housing week including signature fundraising event

- o Develop communications program
 - Web site
 - Social media: be the leader, create influence by getting information to the network fast/grab and distribute information to push organization's advocacy agenda.

Year 2

<u>Staff:</u> Full time Executive Director, Full time Policy Director, Consulting for membership and events

Advocacy

Overall: Drive/lead policy and advocacy efforts

- Continue network and advocacy efforts above
- Resolve the role of the organization in project advocacy
- Resolve the role of the organization in respect to HAC/SVLG
- Outreach and education, eg: HAC/SVLG—tours, forums

Organization Development and Communications

- Refine communication efforts
- Quarterly policy events
- Address the question of organization independence

Year 3

Focus areas in addition to the above:

- Financial sustainability
- Organization independence
- Leadership
- Innovation/keep it fresh