



SDHF Intern Hannah K. Reflects on Housing Elements Project!

I am so grateful for the year I have spent working with the San Diego Housing Federation as the Housing Element Intern.

Over the past year, I have been monitoring the progress of the 18 cities in San Diego for progress on the **6th Cycle Housing Element Update**, annotating them for the inclusion of SDHF's policy priorities, and advocating for increased affordable housing policy.

The opportunities I had to meet people as excited about affordable housing as I am, and to learn about urban planning, could not be matched. I feel so lucky to have gotten to contribute to affordable housing advocacy throughout the county.

The work I have done here has also contributed to my personal research, specifically on the relationship between community engagement and affordable housing policy, which was inspired by my experiences attending community workshops in support of my position with the federation.

I want to thank Laura Nunn for being an amazing mentor and for the opportunity to work with her over the past year. She is so encouraging and inspiring and has helped to drive my passion for working in housing. I am sad my year with SDHF has come to a close, but I am so excited and eager to pursue a career in planning and in housing, and I look forward to the next opportunity to continue this work.

