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Dear Members,

This month through our [Weekly Briefs](#) we will share stories of our sector to highlight Affordable Housing Month. We've gathered a collection of workshops, developments, and resident stories to highlight our sector. These are the stories of our membership and we hope you'll enjoy the series.

Our [May Roundtable](#) will be discussing solutions to communications strategies during a pandemic. Hear from communications practitioners from Wakeland, PATH, Climate Action Campaign, and City Heights CDC on May 26th.

We are thrilled to announce that this year's [Ruby Award](#) for *Housing Champion* will be given to Matt Jumper, President of San Diego Interfaith Housing Foundation. Jumper is a former SDHF board member and President and has worked in the affordable housing sector for approx. 20 years. In fact, he was part of my introduction to the affordable housing sector in 2001 through our joint efforts to get the Metro Villas development financed. He has been a mentor and friend ever since -- and not just to me.

I hope you'll join us in celebrating Matt and all the Ruby Award nominees on June 17, 2021 via our YouTube channel. This year we'll have awards presented by two mayors, an assembly member, a former city council president, and a staffer of a newly

elected official. You won't want to miss this year's live virtual show.

As the region moves towards more socializing we look forward to the future when we can smile, laugh, and shake hands together. Until then, we'll see you on Zoom.

With gratitude,
Steve

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

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