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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

December 2021 Newsletter

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Continuing to build and grow an impactful HSCC

HSCC continues to grow and make progress on several fronts:

First, we are excited to welcome **Brooke Newman** to our staffing team. Brooke, who has recently worked both in local government and as the program manager for the Downtown Streets Team in Santa Cruz, will serve as our lead staff person starting January 3. Brooke brings a wealth of experience in both nonprofit work and public policy.

We will also grow the role of our other outstanding staff member **Jordan Taylor**. Brooke and Jordan will expand our work to create affordable housing opportunities throughout the county... with more education/engagement programs and more robust advocacy for specific projects and policy improvements.

Our governing board has recently adopted a set of objectives to increase our impact in 2022 and we will be sharing those with you next month. (We'll also provide you with a summary of our work in 2021.) There have been some terrific successes in the local affordable housing movement (see below for details).

Finally, we are thrilled to announce the election of **Diana Alfaro** from MidPen Housing as our Board Vice Chair. She will be joining me in leading the board in the coming year.

Wishing you happy, safe holidays.

— **Don Lane**, *Governing Board Chair*

Pacific Station Receives \$21M in State Funds

The City of Santa Cruz has received \$20.9 million in grant funding for its Pacific Station Redevelopment project which will provide 100% affordable housing and infrastructure improvements to the city. The California Department of Housing and Community Development grant award came from its Infill Infrastructure Grant program. The program promotes the development of infill housing - housing built on already developed lots. [Click here](#) to continue reading about how these funds will be used to move the project forward.



City Council Approves Updated Design Proposal for Library Project

On December 14th, the Santa Cruz City Council voted to accept the updated design plan submitted by the Master Library Architect, Abe Jason. With a 6-1 vote, the council accepted the updated site program and design for the Mixed-Use Library Project, including several changes. [Read more](#)



City of Santa Cruz Moves Forward With 831 Water Street Project

On December 14th, the Santa Cruz City Council held a public oversight meeting to assess the 831 Water Street project compliance with the City's Objective Standards criteria and density bonus request for an affordable housing project proposed pursuant to SB 35. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Board of Supervisors Approves Pippin II Architecture Design

On Tuesday, December 7th, the Board of Supervisors considered the architectural and related design plans for the Pippin II housing project located in the unincorporated area of south county. The project includes 80 units of 100% affordable, multi-family rental housing, with 39 units set aside for farm workers and their families. [Keep reading about this project](#)



Vets Village Provides Housing for Homeless Veterans

The town of Ben Lomond in the San Lorenzo Valley will soon have a place for homeless veterans to call home. Jaye's Timberlane on Highway 9 will be converted to a permanent supportive housing (PSH) site for homeless veterans. [Click here to learn more about the project](#)



Track Affordable Housing Projects

Housing Santa Cruz County continues to track all the affordable housing projects "in the pipeline." Real projects are being worked on every day in our five local government jurisdictions. We invite you to [follow these projects with this LINK](#) and weigh in on them at appropriate times. If you know of a project that should be included, please feel free to email us at admin@housingsantacruz.com.