



# News Release

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## SAHA RECEIVING ANOTHER NATIONAL HOUSING AWARD

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) is being honored with another national housing award tomorrow (Oct. 14) in Las Vegas for project of the year in the mixed-income category for San Juan Square.

The national publication, *Multifamily Executive*, is presenting the award to SAHA at its annual conference.

“The ‘face’ of public housing in San Antonio has greatly changed over the last few years,” said SAHA Board Chairman Ramiro Cavazos.

“When we build new developments and renovate existing ones, we’re continuing to provide affordable housing but we’re also enhancing our residents’ living conditions by providing amenities such as clubhouses, pools and fitness centers,” Cavazos said.

San Juan Square, located on 40 acres near the west side of San Antonio, is a mixed-income community where market rate, affordable and public housing units sit alongside one another. Residents enjoy a clubhouse with a community room, swimming pool, fitness center and a business center.

This latest honor, which brings the total awards received over the last few months to seven, is in addition to the Awards of Merit for Housing and Community Development SAHA received from the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) in July.

SAHA was praised by NAHRO for outstanding achievement in new project design for Artisan at Mission Creek, Costa Valencia, Midcrowne Senior Pavilion, Rosemont at Highland Park and San Juan Square.

Earlier this year, SAHA was named the fifth largest developer of affordable housing in the nation by the national publication, *Affordable Housing Finance*. SAHA is the only public housing agency listed.

“SAHA is committed to providing quality, affordable housing to the citizens of San Antonio and we’re pleased these efforts are being recognized at a national level,” says Alfred Valenzuela, interim CEO/president of SAHA.

SAHA owns and manages approximately 6,400 public housing units and 3,200 affordable housing units. SAHA also administers nearly 12,000 Section 8 vouchers, all with a \$130 million annual operating budget and more than \$300 million in assets.

*Multifamily Executive* is a national business magazine serving more than 25,000 owners, operators and developers of multifamily housing. The magazine provides coverage on all segments of multifamily housing, from construction to management to finance, and profiles of emerging and established leaders in the industry.

NAHRO is a 74-year-old membership organization of 3,200 housing and community development agencies and 19,500 professionals throughout the United States, whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income.

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