



The Task Force Times

CEO Corner

Introducing our new Chief Operating Officer



I am proud to announce that Tamera Kohler joined the Regional Task Force on October 16th as our agency's new Chief Operating Officer, further strengthening our team here at the RTFH. Tamera has 18 years of homeless, non-profit, and lending experience, including spending the last 6 years helping lead nationally-noted homelessness reduction programs. She brings to our team a powerful track record in community engagement, contracting, and the data-driven systems critical today to both achieve measurable results and ensure our resources are being allocated wisely.

She joins the RTFH after having served in Seattle's Human Services Department as Division Director of Homeless Strategy and Investment where she oversaw 45 employees, a \$50 million budget and the implementation of a new homeless strategy. Prior to that, Tamera was the Assistant Division Director of Housing and Community Development for the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

On joining our team and moving to San Diego, Tamera shares, "I'm looking forward to joining the RTFH in this critical time for the city. I'm thrilled at the opportunity to bring about meaningful and positive changes to San Diego's homeless community. Homelessness is an issue that affects communities of all sizes across the United States. With the talented team of professionals I'm joining at the RTFH, I hope to help introduce measures that I have seen achieve success in other states."

On another note, we hope you enjoyed your Veteran's Day holiday in remembrance of all who have served our country. San Diego has made major strides in our efforts to house veterans as evidenced by a decrease in numbers of veterans experiencing homelessness on the streets of San Diego by 29% over the last 4 years. We anticipate that this year's WeAllCount will continue to show a significant decrease, but we can only capture that with your support by signing up to volunteer for this effort. Volunteering to count and conduct surveys in your area is a great way to get involved and make an impact in our region.

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Sincerely,
Gordon D. Walker,
CEO


