

# ORANGE COUNTY 2021 Affordable Housing Needs Report *Supplemental Information*

## LOCAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORANGE COUNTY



**In addition to critical COVID-19 efforts, The Kennedy Commission calls on County and City leaders to take the following actions to provide relief to low-income families struggling with unaffordable and unstable housing:**

1. Create a Countywide Affordable Housing Strategic Plan that establishes annual production goals for affordable homes to be developed in each city and the County and provides a clear path to meeting local housing needs.
2. Use The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funding to invest in producing new affordable housing developments to increase healthy housing options and address homelessness.
3. Initiate a one billion dollar countywide housing bond to leverage state housing resources and fund new affordable housing for low-income families and people experiencing homelessness.
4. Allow new residential development on commercial, industrial and mixed-use zones where at least 20 percent of the developments are affordable to very low- and low-income families in exchange for entitlement concessions and incentives.
5. Establish new “Housing Opportunities Zoning” in each jurisdiction that allows multi-family home developments that are 100% affordable to lower-income households to be built by-right.
6. Identify and dedicate city-owned land not needed for governmental use for the development of affordable housing.

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