

VENTURA COUNTY 2021 Affordable Housing Needs Report *Supplemental Information*

LOCAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VENTURA COUNTY



1. Create a nexus between lack of performance on housing goals to loss of local property tax, sales and gas tax, and other forms of state funding streams. Ensure that public participation occurs at every level to demand more from local cities and counties.
2. Build support to re-establish California Redevelopment Law (CRL) 2.0 specifically for housing or housing infrastructure.
3. Work with state legislature and legal services corporations to report abuse, or violations of state law, when applicable.
4. Aggressively seek to enforce the State Preservation Notice Law as expanded by AB 1521 in 2017.
5. Partner with the Ventura County Housing Trust Fund (VCHTF) to make recommendations to their underwriting guidelines and procedures to ensure friendlier terms for local nonprofits to build, including making loans that are 0-3% interest.
6. Require that cities adopt a “fast-track” permitting process to reduce risk, and contain costs for developers of affordable housing.
7. Implement a Linkage Fee on newly constructed commercial and/or industries buildings to generate revenue to support the creation of affordable housing.
8. Encourage and support employer-sponsored housing.
9. Initiate polling studies and outreach work to initiate a county-wide housing bond, similar to Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County.
10. LIHTC production and preservation has decreased substantially in Ventura County. Determine if and how to make changes to LIHTC to accommodate the coastal areas that have a high cost market and low population.
11. Work with local cities to re-use old or obsolete hotels, especially in commercial corridors. If necessary, propose a SRO-Reuse Ordinance to accommodate.
12. In order to relieve the high number of cost-burdened households in Ventura County, HOME funds should be reallocated to tenant-based rental vouchers to assist only ELI families.
13. Support a county-wide transportation tax to encourage public transit, which is critical for the elderly and disabled low income households.

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