

Affordable Housing:
We Need More!



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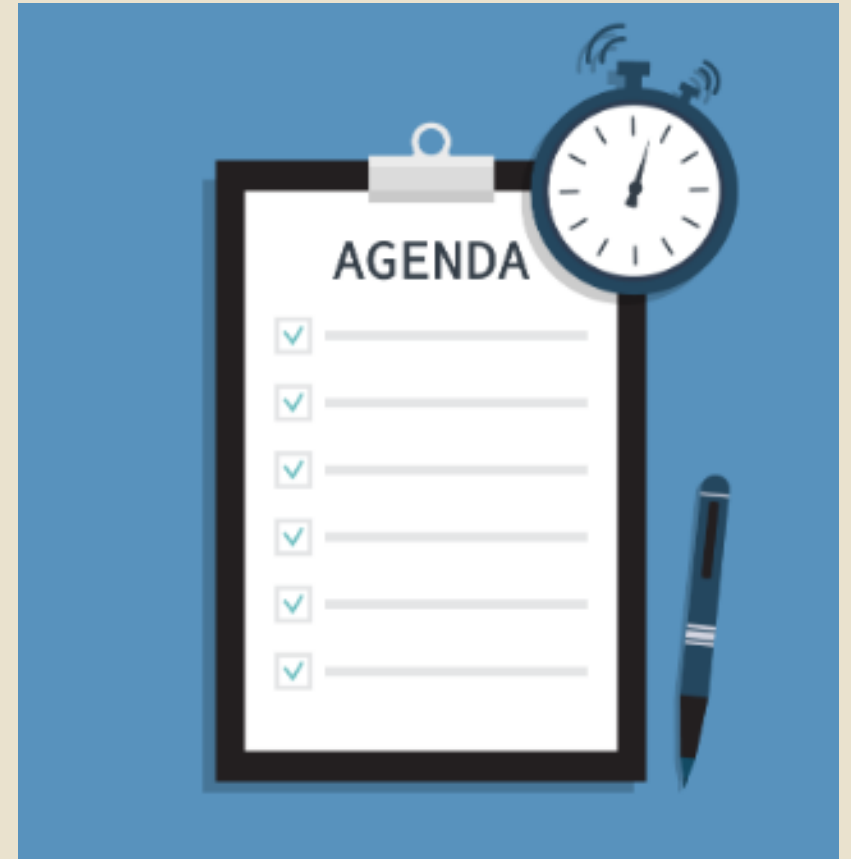
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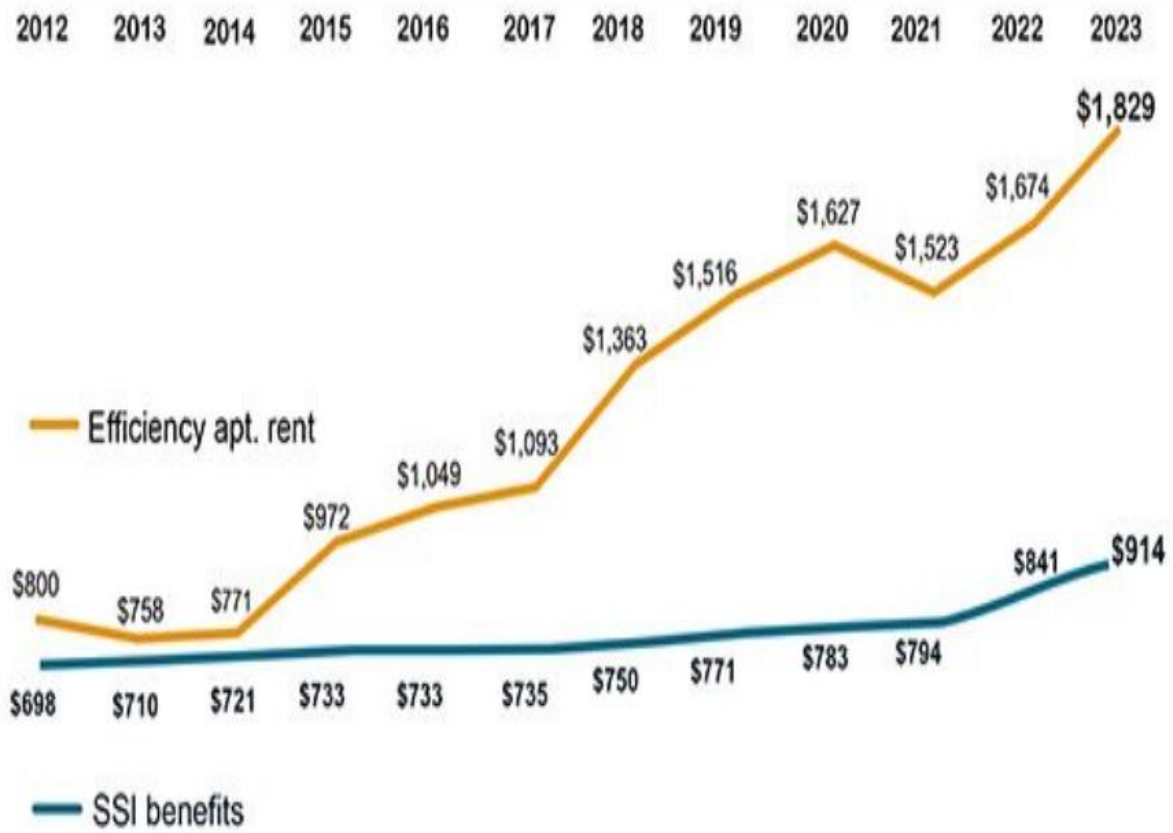
What is **Affordable Housing?**

The government says housing is “affordable” if a family spends **no more than 30%** of their income to live there.



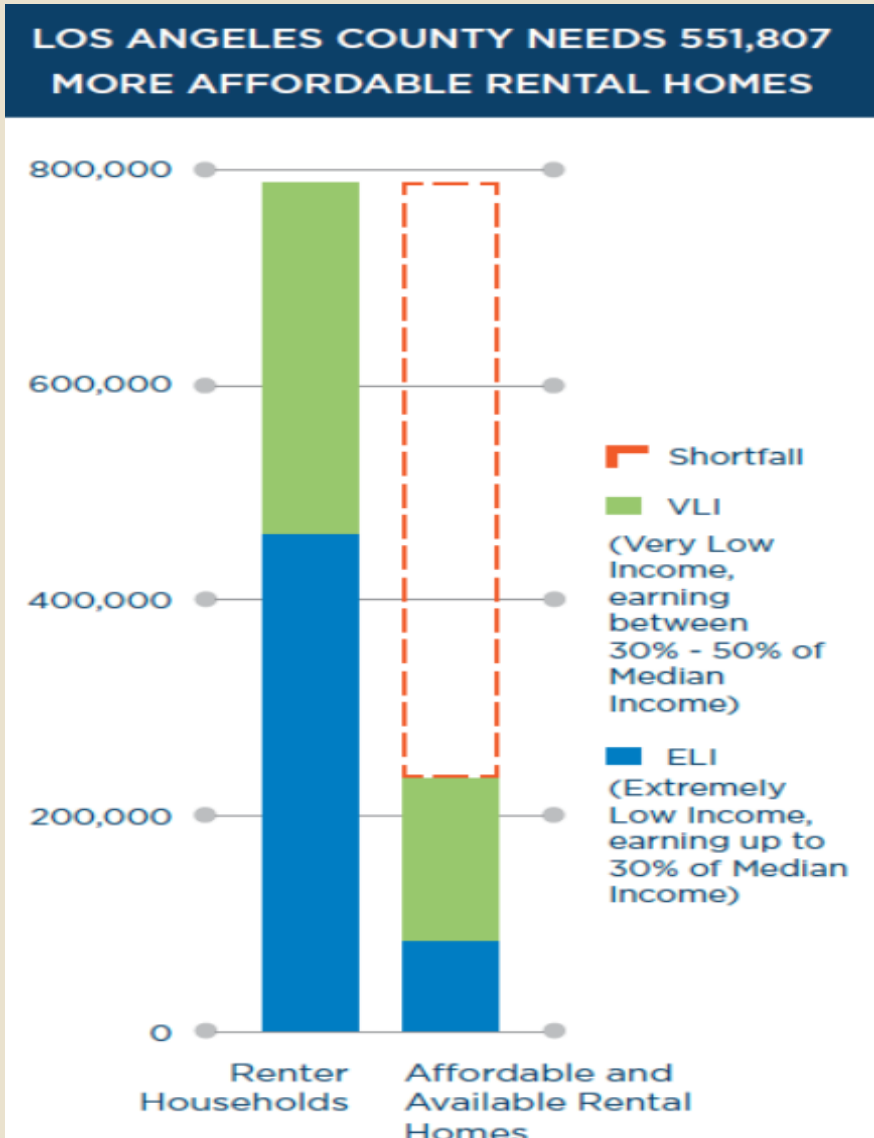
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Affordable Housing: We Need More!



- The highest SSI benefit for November 2023 is \$914
- Financial barriers for people receiving Regional Center services

Affordable Housing: We Need More!



- In Competition with all Californians

Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

1) Find Local Resources

- First, find out what's available in your area:

Search: "City-Affordable Housing"



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

1) Find Local Resources

- Search these websites:
 - Affordable Housing in Your Area - <https://www.affordablehousing.com>
 - <https://www.usa.gov/rental-housing-programs>



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

2) Locate Your Local Government Office

- Search: “City-Affordable Housing Hearings”



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2) Locate Your Local Government Office

- Subscribe to monthly newsletter
- Community meetings/public hearings on social media
- Subscribe to Development Projects Update List

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HOUSING UPDATES

SUPPORTIVE PARKING IN NORTH SAN JOSÉ
This summer the San José City Council approved the development of a second City-run supportive parking site. The site in North San José will serve people who are temporarily living in RVs. The project is now in the planning stage, which includes an environmental review. The site is tentatively slated to open in 2024.
[More information](#)

HOUSING PROVIDERS ROUNDTABLE
The Housing Department is establishing the Housing Providers Roundtable. This will be a forum to exchange information and collaborate on issues facing housing providers. The first meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023 from 3-4pm at City Hall.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS
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UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Indigenous People's Day
10/9

Veteran's Day
11/10

Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

2) Locate Your Local Government Office

What to ask for:

- **Legalize more apartment units**
- **Legalize accessory dwelling units**
- **Approve developments that meet zoning laws**
- **Inventory and allocate public land for affordable housing**



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

3) Provide Testimony –

Tell Your Story

- Thank the committee for the opportunity to speak
- Identify yourself and your organization



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

3) Provide Testimony –

Tell Your Story

- Clearly state your position
- Summarize your recommendations
- Closing statement



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

4) Contact Local Representative

- Search: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>



The infographic features five circular icons with corresponding text labels:

- IN-PERSON VISIT**: Icon of two hands shaking.
- ATTEND A TOWN HALL MEETING**: Icon of a classical building with columns.
- CALL THE OFFICE**: Icon of a telephone handset with signal waves.
- INVITE THEM TO A GROUP MEETING**: Icon of three people sitting around a table.
- TESTIFY AT A COMMITTEE HEARING**: Icon of a speaker at a podium.

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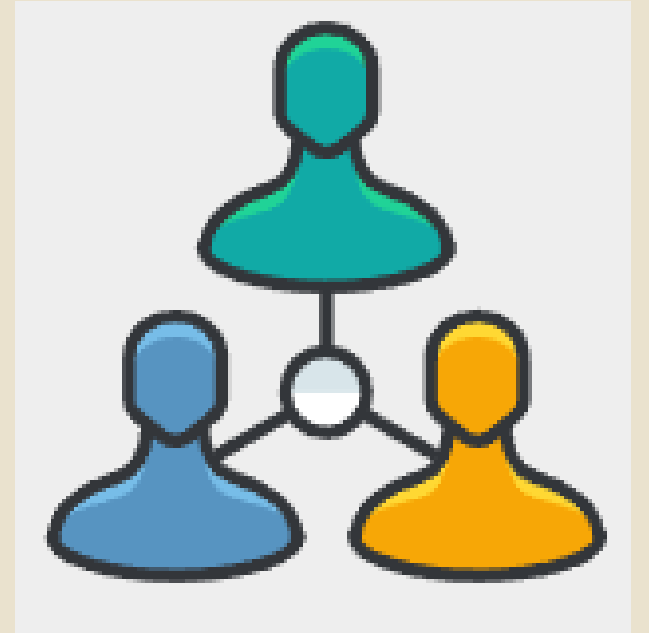
- Draft a letter: "We are asking you to consider supporting"
- Include "Why This Matters To You As The Writer/Individual?"



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

5) Share Information

- Provide a copy of your letter to others:
 - Share Information with your local Regional Center - Client Advisory Committee
 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities



Five Steps to Advocate for Affordable Housing

5) Share Information

- Increase awareness by contacting other advocacy groups
 - Housing California
 - California Housing Consortium



Conclusion

