SPOTLIGHT ON CALIFORNIA'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

Housing Affordability is in Crisis

$507,886
MEDIAN HOME PRICE IN THE SCAG REGION

8.5x
MEDIAN HOME PRICE COMPARED TO MEDIAN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE SCAG REGION

44%
OF SCAG-AREA HOUSEHOLDS PAY MORE THAN 30% OF THEIR INCOME TOWARD HOUSING

In the state of California, more than half of all California renters are overpaying for housing, and Californians are four times more likely to live in overcrowded housing than residents of any other state. Much of this can be attributed to a lack of enough housing. Over the past 10 years, total new home construction is 38% lower than the previous decade.

The shortage of housing, particularly affordable housing, throughout California poses a critical challenge to local, regional and statewide economies. On Oct. 11, the Southern California Association of Governments is holding a California Housing Summit to address these challenges at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The summit, "The Cost of Not Housing," will look at the root causes of the housing crisis and focus on actionable strategies for stakeholder partnerships that will ultimately lead to "YES" to housing. Elected officials, planning professionals, developers, business and community leaders and housing advocates are invited to attend. For more information and to register, visit www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit.

GO HUMAN CAMPAIGN AND LONG BEACH HOST OPEN STREETS FESTIVAL OCT. 1

On Oct. 1, SCAG's *Go Human* campaign and the City of Long Beach will present "Activate Uptown," an open streets festival highlighting the Uptown Renaissance and various active transportation improvements planned for the city.

Featuring live music, activities, food, crafts, giveaways and more, "Activate Uptown" along Artesia Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue in Long Beach. Myrtle Avenue, from Harding to 70th St., will showcase a re-imagined streetscape with temporary features (including a bike boulevard and roundabout) that make walking, biking, or skating easier, safer and more enjoyable. "Activate Uptown" runs from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit the event website: gohumansocal.org/activateuptown.

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