



Housing Needs Report Reveals Depths Of Affordable Housing Shortage

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Stephen Russell with the San Diego Housing Federation believes preserving affordable homes is one of the answers to San Diego's housing shortage.

"It identified a need for 132,000 homes — that's 132,000 households paying too much in rent," Russell said.

The report comes days after the Conrad Prebys Foundation sold nearly 6,000 affordable homes to Blackstone Group.

Report: 81% of low-income San Diegans pay more than half of income on housing

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"Folks come in purchase the building and then raise the rent to what the market is. So we've seen a huge loss of naturally affordable housing in San Diego," Stephen Russell, the president and CEO of the San Diego Housing Federation, said.

That's why the San Diego Housing Federation is pushing for legislation that would help organizations like non-profits in acquiring property, keeping rent at an affordable rate. They are also asking the state to pitch in \$500 million to help with this effort.



Euclid Court Apartments, an affordable housing complex in City Heights is pictured on May 27, 2021.

Opinion: Building affordable housing on the sports arena site would mean building a more inclusive future

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For decades, the legacy of redlining has impacted our city with outdated policies from the 1930s still reflected in renter demographics. We know that your ZIP code can determine your health, your school and your economic opportunity. Creating affordable housing across communities in San Diego is something we should be striving for to overcome the racial restrictions of the past and improve equal access to opportunity for all San Diegans. The public good is best served by including those who make up the public: all of us. pitch in \$500 million to help with this effort.





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San Diego Tweaks 8-Year Housing Plan To Satisfy State Requirements

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The city's housing element lays out where developers can build new housing, and how much of it. Housing elements are required by the state, and cities must update them every eight years to account for new population and job growth forecasts.

But the housing element law, in effect for more than 50 years, has failed to ensure enough housing is actually built. Recent changes to state law have attempted to strengthen the process.

City Will Move Treatment Program Clients Into Motel, and Homeless Families Out

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The city is preparing to temporarily house misdemeanor offenders enrolled in a diversion program that comes with addiction treatment in a South Bay hotel it acquired nearly four years ago for that purpose. Doing so will require moving out homeless families it moved in during the pandemic.



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Q&A: How Councilman Mike Bonin plans to fix Venice's homelessness crisis

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As people are not immediately saying yes, they will do sort of zones, I believe, starting at the north and going down. They'll focus really intently for a couple of weeks on an area and try to get people there housed and then they will do the second and the third and the fourth.

LAUSD eyes plan to provide affordable housing for teachers, other employees

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The Los Angeles Unified School District is exploring a plan to provide 2,000 affordable housing units so teachers and other employees can live in the communities where they work.

Officials have not made any determinations about where the units might be built, but they will be considering properties the district owns that are unused or underutilized, the Daily News reported.

"As we look to recruit the next generation of talent to work in our schools, we have to understand for them to live and work in the communities they serve, they have to be able to afford it," Superintendent Austin Beutner said during a news conference Wednesday.



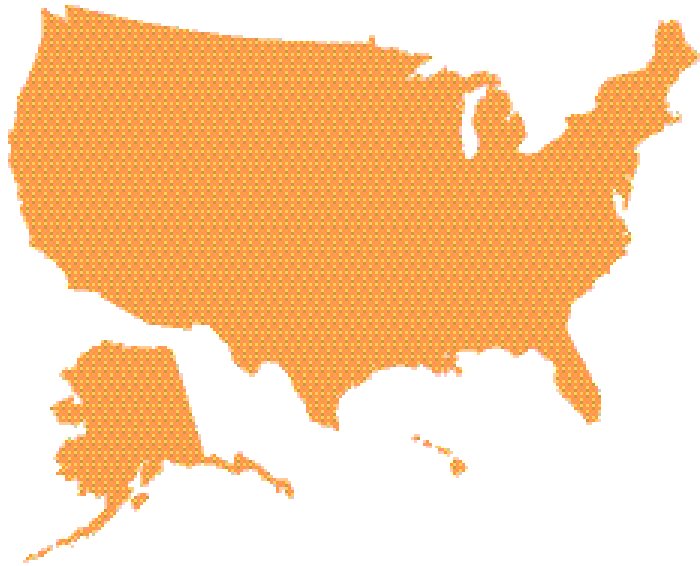
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Planning Department proposes "fair share" allocations for affordable housing

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Across California, cities are in the midst of updating zoning and land use regulations to plan for new housing over the coming eight years. In Los Angeles, the Department of City Planning Department hopes to use this process to ensure that growth is distributed equitably across its neighborhoods.





Zoning Changes Could Help Boost Housing Supply

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Housing starts could end the year 2.5% below December 2020 levels on average.

HUD Allocates \$1.1B for Housing Vouchers

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The \$1.1 billion from HUD will fund 70,000 vouchers for 626 public housing authorities in the U.S. that are part of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The figure is the first tranche to be awarded from \$5 billion that HUD announced earlier this month.

Types of Urban Blocks: Different Ways of Occupying the City

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Urban blocks can be defined as the space within the street pattern of a city that is subdivided into land lots for the construction of buildings. This morphological element has been shaped according to the current views on urban design and its expectations over the centuries. It may consist of a single building structure or an area with several buildings that vary in size, detached structures surrounded by nature, or intricate labyrinths. Regardless of the composition, an urban block is the basic unit of a city's urban fabric and plays an important role in mediating between the public and private spheres.



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