

**Lessons Learned From 8 Years on the HHH COC** 









### What is HHH?

- \$1.2B Bond to finance the production of permanent supportive housing
  - Designed to produce 10,000 units of PSH over 10 years
- What does it not do?
  - Does not provide any money for supportive services—that's why we needed measure H and the MOU between the city and country
  - Doesn't address affordable housing or homelessness prevention

### Is HHH a success?

Summary of Prop HHH and Supportive Housing Pipeline - February 2024

#### The road to 10,000 units.



\$112,873 - average Prop HHH loan per unit. Developers are responsible for securing all other funding.

### What are the lessons learned?

Column: Spending \$800,000 for a single unit of homeless housing is a red flag for L.A.



Stephen Smith stands in his doorway at Chandler Street Tiny Home Village in North Hollywood in 2021. (Jason Armond / Los Angeles Time

#### Prop HHH finally pays off — more than 6 years after it passed

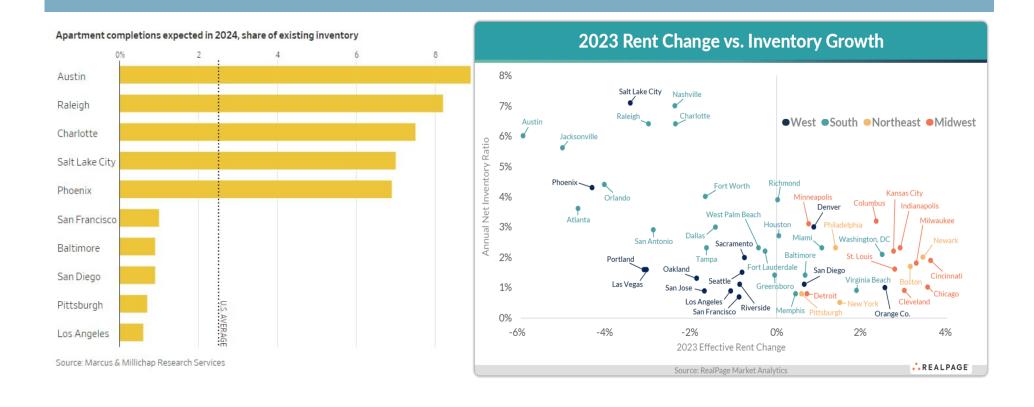
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Olga Rosario spent two and a half years without shelter in LA. In November, she moved to this new apartment in Sylmar, permanent supportive housing funded in part by Proposition HHH.

We're 8 years into HHH and have only delivered 3500 units...of which, by the way, over 450 were NOT occupied as of the last report!

# Building on its own is not enough

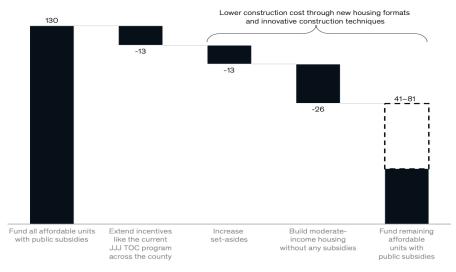


## We need the private sector as a partner

Exhibit 19

Los Angeles will have to make decisions on transit-oriented development, density, and housing mix to reduce the public funding required to achieve the next cycle's RHNA goals.

Cumulative public funding required to achieve the sixth cycle RHNA goal for affordable units for LA County, 2021–29¹ \$ billion



<sup>1</sup> Affordable housing goal refers to units affordable to households earning moderate income or lower. Source: McKinsey Global Institute analysis

- 70% of Households in LA struggle with affordability (1.9M Households)
- 600,000 Households in LA are severely rent burdened (spending 90% of income on rent)

The scale of the challenge is

In other words, we need the private sector

# We should really focus on cost and speed

HHH Innovation Pilot

Just by making Total Cost a factor the cost per unit dropped by 15% (from approx. \$650K to \$550K per unit)

Streamlining Works

It's not a coincidence that Mayor Bass' ED1 resulted in a surge of over 16,000 units in the affordable housing pipeline

# We shouldn't be afraid to think and act differently

- Create an environment at LACHASA that draws from best practices of professional real estate companies
- Incentivize cities to establish aggressive programs focused on outcomes and with clear, predictable parameters for developers
- Double down on streamlining...Go as far with it as possible and don't take "No" for an answer

# We should incentivize the private sector to do the hard work of building

- Establish a program to Buy properties from the private developers (e.g. establish quality criteria and incentivize private sector to produce affordable housing at less than \$400k per unit)
- Use a rental subsidy program to incentivize developers to produce the kind of buildings we want and need
- Any funds used to subsidize construction costs (e.g. as in the traditional model) should come with very strong total cost and speed requirements