

# ¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!

# Introducción básica a la vivienda asequible - Condado Sur

### **Affordable Housing 101 – South County**

Reunión Comunitaria / Community Workshop 18 mayo 2021 / May 18, 2021 5 – 7 p.m.

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## **Our Agreement**

What do you need to do to participate in this workshop?

- Raise your hand to share a question or concern.
- Assume good intentions are being expressed.
- Do not judge or comment on other people's situations.
- Support an opportunity for everyone to speak and ask questions

What else?

# **Anticipated Outcomes**

Learn more about:

- affordable housing (and what it is)
- What you need to do to apply for affordable housing
- Resources that are available for information and assistance

# **Measure A**

In 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure A – a \$950 million affordable housing bond

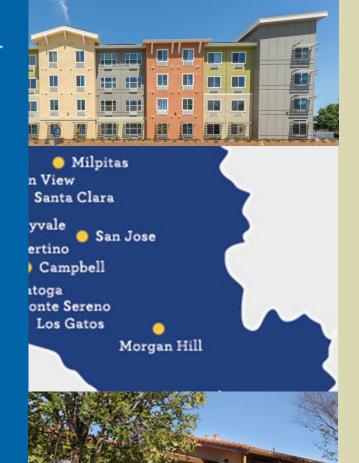
- Provides an unprecedented
  opportunity to develop affordable
  and supportive housing
- Will help create and preserve approximately 4,800 housing opportunities

Learn about affordable housing opportunities and prepare to apply.

Support affordable housing development.

YEAR 4 IMPLEMENTATION 533,001,528 DEVELOPMENT APPROVED 2,969 NEW APARTMENTS **618 UNITS RENOVATED** HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS OMEBUYER PROGRAM

\*As of February, 2021. The implementation update does not include County acquisitions.



## **How Do You Define a Decent Home?**

# **Question for the audience**

We want to know your opinion ... please (1) raise your hand and (2) unmute your device or (3) add a message to the chat.



# **Broad Housing Categories**

### **Supportive Housing**

- Generally, housing that is for people who make 30% to 60% of the area median income.
- System administered by the County and for people who were once homeless.
- Homes have subsidies that cover a percentage of the monthly rent.
- Tenants pay a total of one third of their income.
- Families with uncertain or mixed immigration status can apply for this housing but access depends on the type of program and the subsidies available.

#### **Low-Income Housing**

- Open to the public to apply.
- The price of the housing is less expensive than the cost on the open market.
- If a 2-bedroom housing unit costs \$2,200, a housing unit in this category would be listed for about \$1,600 to \$1,800. This is just an example. These are not exact rents, but they are provided to give you an example.
- There is no permanent source of financial assistance that will pay the tenant's portion of rent in this type of housing.

### **Market Rate Housing**

- This includes all types of housing that one negotiates and rents on their own.
- The owner sets their price and the tenant decides if they are going to take the housing unit or not.
- There is no permanent rental assistance for this type of housing.
- The price is controlled by the market, for example the cost to rent a room can fall between \$800 and \$ 1,000.
- This category includes all informal living arrangements, such as garage rentals.

It is very important to speak with an agency that can assist you in the application process for many of these housing units, there are even programs that assist with rental deposits.

# What is "Affordable" Housing?

- Affordable Housing Household pays reduced rent.
- The household's maximum, or reduced, rent, which includes utilities, is 30% or less of their income.
- Limiting the household's rent to 30% of their income helps the family pay for housing and other costs.

# **Maximum Rents in Affordable Housing**

Eligibility for affordable housing is based on a family's or individual's household size and income.

Affordable Rental Housing Maximum Income Limits - Multifamily Housing Programs							
Household	Extremely					Median	
Size	Low	ve	ry Low Inco	ome	Low Ir		
	Income						
	30%	40%	45%	50%	60%	80%	100%
1	\$ 34,800	\$46,400	\$52 <i>,</i> 200	\$ 58,000	\$ 69,600	\$ 92,800	\$ 116,000
2	\$ 39 <i>,</i> 780	\$53 <i>,</i> 040	\$59 <i>,</i> 670	\$ 66,300	\$ 79,560	\$ 106,080	\$ 132,600
3	\$ 44,760	\$59 <i>,</i> 680	\$67,140	\$ 74,600	\$ 89,520	\$ 119,360	\$ 149,200
4	\$ 49,710	\$66,280	\$74 <i>,</i> 565	\$ 82,850	\$ 99,420	\$ 132,560	\$ 165,700
5	\$ 53,700	\$71,600	\$80,550	\$ 89,500	\$107,400	\$ 143,200	\$ 179,000

Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects Rent Limits (Gross Rent Including Utility Allowance) - Multifamily Housing Programs

Bedroom Size	tremely Low ncome	Very Low Income					Low Income				Median		
	30%		40%		45%		50%		60%		80%	11	L00%
0	\$ 870	\$	1,160	\$	1,305	\$	1,450	\$	1,740	\$	2,320	\$	2,900
1	\$ 932	\$	1,243	\$	1,398	\$	1,553	\$	1,864	\$	2,486	\$	3,106
2	\$ 1,119	\$	1,492	\$	1,678	\$	1,865	\$	2,238	\$	2,984	\$	3,730
3	\$ 1,292	\$	1,723	\$	1,938	\$	2,154	\$	2,585	\$	3,447	\$	4,308
4	\$ 1,442	\$	1,923	\$	2,163	\$	2,403	\$	2,884	\$	3,846	\$	4,806

Fuente: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/docs/2021mtspregularlimits.pdf

# **Case Study**

Maria Cortez has 3 kids and a husband who is the main income earner

- Her husband has an annual gross income of \$36,000 (\$3,000 per month).
- Her children are ages 4, 12, 18.
- Her 18-year-old daughter, Jazmin, works and earns \$1,500 a month (gross income).
- > The family receives food stamps and WIC.
- Maria is undocumented and her husband has a work permit.
- > What is Maria's family's income?
- > What could potentially be Maria's rent in an affordable housing community?

## **Examples**

### Household Income – Maximums by Category

	Extremely Low Income (30%)	Very Low Income (50%)	Low Income (80%)
Household Income 1-Person	\$34,800	\$58,000	\$92 <i>,</i> 800
Household Income 3-People	\$44,760	\$74,600	\$119,360
Household Income 5-People	\$53,700	\$89,500	\$143,200

#### Examples:

 María Cortez has two children, Juan (12) and Jazmin (18). The family lives in an apartment in Gilroy. Maria's monthly income is \$3,000, y Jazmin's is \$1,500. What is the family's annual income?

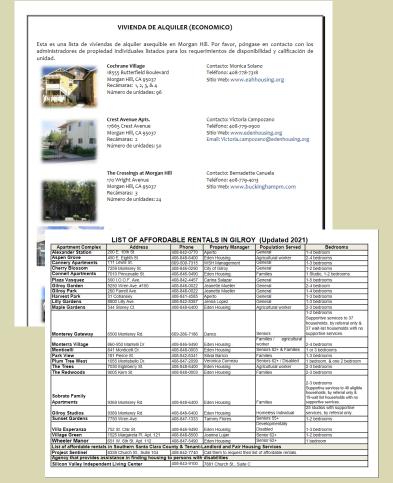
Maria - \$3,000 x 12	= \$36,000
Jazmin - \$1,500 x 12	= \$18,000
Total	= \$54,000

2. Hector and his partner earn \$45,000 per year. They have three children. In what household income category does the family fall?

- 1. Manages high-quality affordable housing communities.
- 2. Serves residents in Santa Clara County, including at several affordable housing communities in Gilroy.

### **Affordable Housing - Steps in Search**

- 1. Visit city websites for lists of affordable housing / apartments.
- 2. Reach out to the community property managers.
- 3. Ask the property managers questions.
- 4. If an apartment or the wait list is open, apply.
- 5. If no apartment or wait list is open, try again later and try other communities.



### **Affordable Housing Application and Interview**

- 1. All adults (18+) in household must apply.
- 2. If the household is asked to attend an interview, adults will be asked to provide additional information and documents that verify their identify and household income.
- **3**. Adult members of the household will sign authorization forms so the management company can verify information they need in the application process.
- 4. The verification process usually takes several weeks.
- 5. If your contact information changes, update the property manager.
- 6. The property manager will let you know the next steps in the process.

### **Suggestions**

- 1. Reach out and ask questions managers are there to help you.
- 2. Keep current identification and documents you will need for the applications.
- 3. Apply!
- 4. Keep property managers up to date with your contact information.
- 5. Check in every six months with the property manager about vacancies / your place on the wait list.

# Myth

# If you live in affordable housing, you have a curfew and they control what you do.

# FALSE!

# Myth

Applying for and obtaining affordable housing bars me from pursuing a green card or citizenship.

# FALSE!

# Myth

# Can I apply if I am a resident or have another form of temporary status?

# **IT DEPENDS...**

# Myth

# If someone in the household has only DACA – can they apply?

# IT DEPENDS...

# Myth

If I don't have credit, or I don't have good credit, I can't apply.

# FALSE!

# Myth

# They don't let you have pets or visitors in affordable housing.

# **IT DEPENDS...**

# Myth

# Does the rent change if I make more money?

# **IT DEPENDS...**

# Charla

### We are at Your Service!

- Raise your hand and unmute your device or ask a question in the chat.
- We have several representatives from different organizations who will try to answer your questions to the best of their abilities.

# Feedback

To bring useful content to you and your neighbors, we would like to know what other topics you would like to see in the future. Who else would you like to hear from?

For example:

Application workshop

- >Immigrants' rights related to housing
- Questions and answers with your elected officials or neighborhood associations

## **Affordable Housing Search Advice**

**Identify your situation.** 

Keep important documents, including proofs of payment.

Keep your identification up to date.

Save a portion of your income.

Identify opportunities and contact property managers to learn more about requirements.

Submit your application and keep in contact with the property manager.

## **Housing Search Resources**

#### **City of Gilroy**

- Housing Department
- Affordable Apartment Rentals
- HouseKeys (Affordable Housing Administrator)

### **City of Morgan Hill**

Housing Department

- Housing Resources Guide (Spanish)
- Housing Resource Guide (English)
- HouseKeys (Affordable Housing Administrator)

http://www.ci.gilroy.ca.us/279/Housing-Community-Development 408-846-0451 http://www.ci.gilroy.ca.us/797/Affordable-Apartment-Rentals https://www.housekeys5.com/

https://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/629/Housing 408-778-6480 https://tinyurl.com/HRGSPA21 https://tinyurl.com/HRGENG21 https://www.housekeys1.com/

## **Tenant Resources**

#### Help with Rent

California's COVID-19 Rent Relief Program	https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/
State Program (Housing is Key)	833-430-2122
Local Partner: Catholic Charities	408-273-7478
Local Partner: Project Sentinel	408-720-9888
Homelessness Prevention Services	sccrenthelp.org
St. Joseph's Family Center	408-842-6662
Madiation (Dispute Decolution	
Mediation/Dispute Resolution	
County Office of Mediation and Ombuds Services	408-993-4130
Project Sentinel	408-842-7740
Legal Help	
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley	408-280-2424
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Asian Law Alliance	408-287-9710
Bay Area Legal Aid	800-551-5554
Other Resources	
United Way / 2-1-1 (Referral to Resources)	211 or 800-273-6222
Community Solutions	408-842-7138
24-Hour Crisis Line	408-225-9163 / 1-877-363-7238
	400-225-5105 / 1-077-505-7250

## **Questions and Answers**



# **Closing Remarks – Thank You for Attending**

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