HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION

CHC is working with a growing statewide coalition of stakeholders to increase affordable housing construction, locate housing near jobs and transit, and promote efficient use of California's transportation infrastructure.

California's housing affordability crisis tarnishes the promise of our great state, exacerbating traffic congestion, climate change and income inequality."

–Assemblyman David Chiu

BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOMES RELIEVES CONGESTION AND SUPPORTS THE EFFICIENT USE OF CALIFORNIA'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- Building affordable homes near jobs and transit hubs decreases commuting and helps to cut down on traffic and congestion. Low-income households drive 25-30% fewer miles when living within 1/2 mile of transit than those living in non-transit oriented hubs.
- When located near jobs and transit, developments promote density with fewer parking spaces needed, and encourage modes of transportation that are non-road dependent such as walking or biking.
- New affordable homes encourage smart planning to maximize land use and reduce traffic congestion and household transportation costs.
- The long commutes that result from workers seeking out affordable housing far from job centers place a drain on their families, their physical and mental well-being, and negatively impact the environment through increased gas emissions.

15,000 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES

1/2 MILE NEAR GOOD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

= 105,000,000 FEWER MILES DRIVEN ON CA ROADS*

*According to data from Caltrans' California Household Travel Survey

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN REDUCE OVERALL TRANSPORTATION SPENDING

Developing affordable housing near transit stations helps maintain and increase ridership, which generates more fare revenues, contributing to a more resilient local economy and improving the efficiency of public spending.

New data shows many transportation professionals can't afford to rent a basic one-bedroom apartment in California. We are pricing out too many crucial professions from our communities. These jobs can't be outsourced and the housing predicaments hurt communities.

PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK

Transportation workers struggle to find affordable housing in California. Rising rents have far outpaced modest wage increases for over 1,000,000 transportation workers, forcing many to live paycheck to paycheck. This is not surprising given the generally high cost of housing throughout the state relative to household income.

TRANSPORTATION WORKERS STRUGGLE TO FIND AFFORDABLE* RENTALS IN CALIFORNIA

- Parking lot attendants can afford to rent a one-bedroom home in 2 of California's 25 Metro Areas
- Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs can afford to rent a one-bedroom home in 11 of California's 25 Metro Areas
- Transportation and Material Moving Occupations can afford to rent a one-bedroom home in 10 of 25 Metros
- Bus Drivers and intercity transit workers can afford to rent a two-bedroom home in 13 of 25 Metro Areas

THE 2016 AVERAGE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUPATIONS WERE NOT ENOUGH TO AFFORD** TO RENT OR OWN AN AVERAGE ONE-BEDROOM HOME IN CA:

- Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
- Automotive Body and Related Repairers
- Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- Transportation Security Screeners
- Rail Yard Engineers, Dinkey Operators, and Hostlers
- Bicycle Repairers
- Transportation Attendants, Except Flight Attendants

*To be affordable, the cost of rent and utilities must not exceed 30% of household income
**Household affordability estimates from HUD's FY 2015 Fair Market Rents. Available at: www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr.html
Wage data is from Occupational Employment Statistics and Wages (OES) semiannual mail survey measuring occupational employment and occupational wage rates for wage and salary workers in California, by industry. Available at: