



PASADENA NEEDS TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES MAKING BETWEEN \$36,000 AND \$88,000 PER YEAR

Currently, Pasadena has **NOT** met its targets for building affordable rental units for lower income families.

Pasadena has exceeded the building of rental units for higher income households by 374% while lagging behind in building lower income units as shown in the table below.

Pasadena needs to amend its Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance so that the percentage of affordable units for low income families is between 20-25% in new developments. This will enable the City to make progress toward meeting its lower income affordable housing targets.

The table below shows Pasadena’s 2014-2021 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for building new units by income category. The targets for building affordable housing in Pasadena are set by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The table illustrates the results of the building permit activities since 2014:

Income Category	% of Area Median Income (AMI) \$73,100 for family of 4	Target Units 2014 to 2018	Building Permits Issued 2014-2018	Total Target Units Remaining
Very Low	<50% of AMI or less than \$36,550	340	145	195
Low	51-80% of AMI \$37,281 to \$58,480	207	38	169
Moderate	81-120% of AMI \$59,200 to \$87,720	224	45	179
Above Moderate	> 120% of AMI over \$87,720	561	2100	0
Total		1,332	2328	543

Area Median Income (AMI) for a family of 4 is \$73,100 as set by US Dept of Housing and Urban Development and published by California Department of Housing and Community Development. Two family members making the current minimum wage of \$14.25 per hour earn \$57,000 per year

As seen in the table above, Pasadena is on the way to having a glut of market rate housing that the 50% of residents who make less than the area median income cannot afford.

Fortunately, more affordable housing is within our reach.

The City Council will hear a report from the Planning Department on the Planning Commission’s recommendation at its regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, August 19.

Getting the Council members to vote YES will take phone calls, emails, and public comment. We need to convince the Council to amend the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance to increase building more affordable units to between 20-25%.

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