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PROGRESS TOWARDS RHNA

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HOUSING FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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<td>State Minimum Wage</td>
<td>$49.92 /Hour</td>
<td>$2,600 /Month</td>
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<td>Home Health &amp; Personal Care Aides</td>
<td>$15.00 /Hour</td>
<td>$2,604 /Month</td>
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<td>Childcare Workers</td>
<td>$16.38 /Hour</td>
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<td>Retail Salespersons</td>
<td>$17.30 /Hour</td>
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<td>Janitors &amp; Cleaners</td>
<td>$17.58 /Hour</td>
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<td>Medical Assistants</td>
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HOW POLICYMAKERS CAN HELP

1. INVEST IN OUR VALUES
2. PROMOTE FAIRNESS
3. PROTECT PEOPLE
4. REIMAGINE GROWTH
5. CREATE EFFICIENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

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DATA SOURCES & NOTES

PROGRESS TOWARDS RHNA
California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 5th Cycle Annual Progress Report Permit Summary, July 2021.

FUNDING FOR HOUSING
California Housing Partnership analysis of HCD Program Awards and Annual Reports, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CPD Appropriations Budget Reports, California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) Mixed Income Program, California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCHS) Program Reports, California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program, and federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC).

LIHTC PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION
California Housing Partnership's Preservation Database, February 2022. Please note that this data does not include manager units or market rate units created through the LIHTC program.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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Data is only one part of the story. To find out more about proposed solutions, contact us (chpc.net/contact) or reach out to our local/regional partners (chpc.net/advocacy-partners).

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