

4-10-17 The meeting originally scheduled on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Jesse Owens Community Regional Park has been MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION. Please see meeting schedule below for new address.



PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801

Not For Release Until Tuesday, April 4, 2017

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THE COUNTY INVITES RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS SEEKING INPUT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING FUNDS

Expression of Local Housing and Community Development Needs through the Public Participation Program Will Provide Input and Help Shape the Annual “Action Plan,” “Assessment of Fair Housing,” and the “Consolidated Plan”

Six Meetings Are Scheduled From April 18 through April 27, 2017;
Public Can Also Submit Written Comments through May 27, 2017

Los Angeles, April 4, 2017 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) invite residents to a series of six community meetings seeking input to help shape the County’s annual “Action Plan,” “Assessment of Fair Housing,” and the Five-Year “Consolidated Plan.” Individuals who live or work within the vicinity of the community meetings are encouraged to attend and articulate their local needs.

The 2018-2019 Action Plan will disperse approximately \$29 million in housing and community development funds, and it describes proposed funding activities, which

can include, for example, childcare programs, services for senior citizens, homebuyer assistance and home repair programs, homeless services, low-interest business loans, graffiti removal, and street and sewer repairs.

The approximate \$29 million in funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which requires the Action Plan. The funds are broken down into the following three program categories:

- Approximately \$20.7 million from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which funds a variety of services in low- and moderate-income communities. Funding is contingent upon Congressional approval, and, as the CDBG Program has experienced significant funding reductions since 2002, future funding levels are uncertain at this time;
- Over \$6.4 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, which supplies funds for housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer programs, and the construction of housing for low- and moderate-income households. Funding is contingent upon Congressional approval, and, as the HOME Program has experienced significant funding reductions in recent years, future funding levels are uncertain at this time; and
- Over \$1.9 million from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program that provides street outreach, emergency shelter, and homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

This year, the CDC is also seeking input from the public for the 2017 Assessment of Fair Housing and the Five-Year 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan. The 2017 Assessment of Fair Housing (previously called the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice),

assesses fair housing issues such as segregation, conditions that restrict fair housing choice and disparities in access to housing and opportunity, and establishes fair housing priorities and goals that are later folded into the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan, also required by HUD, serves as an action-oriented management tool and guides federal grant spending to address housing and community development needs for low- and moderate-income residents for the next five years within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Urban County Program.

The six community meetings will solicit input from residents, community organizations, and local interest groups. Attendees will be asked to complete the “Resident Fair Housing Survey,” which is also available on the CDC website at www.lacdc.org/annualactionplan. The County will then use that input in developing the Action Plan, Assessment of Fair Housing, and the Consolidated Plan.

The list of meetings is shown on the last page. For additional information on the meetings, please contact Brian Talbot at (626) 586-1752.

Individuals unable to attend the community meetings may submit written comments through Saturday, May 27, 2017, to Raymond Webster via e-mail at Raymond.Webster@lacdc.org, fax (626) 943-3838, or mail (postmarked by May 27, 2017) to the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, CDD Division, 700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91755.

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LIST OF MEETINGS

District	Meeting Location	Date/Time
1	Sunshine Park 515 South Deepmead Avenue La Puente, CA 91744	Tuesday April 18, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2	Jesse Owens Community Regional Park 9651 South Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90047	Thursday April 27, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
3	San Fernando Regional Pool 208 Park Avenue San Fernando, CA 91340	Thursday April 20, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
4	South Whittier Library 11543 Colima Road Whittier, CA 90604	Wednesday April 19, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
5	Pamela Park 2236 Goodall Ave. Duarte, CA 91010	Wednesday April 26, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
5	Jackie Robinson Park 8773 East Avenue R Little Rock, CA 93543	Tuesday April 25, 2017 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"> NEW LOCATION: Athens Park Gymnasium 12603 S. Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90061 Same date and time. </p>		