Happy 20th, SCEP!

HCIDLA’s award-winning Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) is standing tall as it celebrates its 20th year of existence. Established in 1998 following the recommendations of a Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee, the goal was to develop a routine inspection program of Los Angeles’ (LA’s) rental housing and enforce adopted standards, regulations and procedures to resolve and ultimately prevent substandard conditions. SCEP provides technical assistance to property owners, improves the quality of LA’s housing stock and community, increase property value, and ultimately ensure that the residents of Los Angeles reside in safe, decent and sanitary housing.

Presently in its fourth inspection cycle that is anticipated to conclude by January 2019, HCIDLA recently received approval by Mayor and City Council to enhance the SCEP inspection process under a newly developed two-tiered system. Historically well-maintained properties will now be inspected every four years instead of three years, and shorter two-year inspection cycles will be applied to non-compliant properties. This will allow HCIDLA to efficiently allocate resources and place more emphasis on properties that need more attention. The new regulations were developed in collaboration with numerous stakeholders to ensure that all new procedures and guidelines are fair to both tenants and owners.

It’s anticipated that the new regulations will greatly reduce the number of non-compliant properties in Los Angeles. Since 1998, the number of substandard housing units in LA has decreased dramatically by over 99%, from 150,000 to under 1,116 units. HCIDLA is proud to have a major role in directly improving and preserving the living conditions of Angelenos through the development of innovative programs and policies – one SCEP at a time.
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

690 new affordable units for occupancy
399 new supportive housing units for occupancy
164 HHH units in the pipeline
119 new homeless veteran units for occupancy
178,646 rental units inspected through SCEP
11,202 rental units restored to safe living conditions
1,222 domestic violence victims assisted by DV Shelter Operations
111 homes purchased through First Time Homebuyer Program
$7,228,443 local economic impact of FamilySource System
$17,874,024 increase in client income from FamilySource System
WHAT'S NEW

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS
HCIDLA was awarded a $400,000 CIT Grant from OneWest Bank to augment the City’s Low Income Purchase Assistance Homeownership Program.

HCIDLA 2018-21 STRATEGIC PLAN
Based on HCIDLA’s assessment of its operations vis-à-vis LA’s changing environment, HCIDLA’s 2018-2021 Strategic Plan sets priorities toward reducing homelessness, increasing and preserving the affordable housing stock, accelerating neighborhood investment, promoting educational and economic empowerment, and expanding accessible housing.

HHH UPDATE
Currently being reviewed are 26 applications to the most recent HHH Call for Projects, potentially adding 1,693 homeless housing units to LA. HCIDLA will release its next Call for Projects in February 2019. The proposed projects are in addition to 55 previously approved projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

Annual Bill
Annual RSO/SCEP fees will be due in January 2019. Visit HcidlaBill.org to pay online!

Cash for College
Ten well deserving Cash for College scholars were honored at Mayor Garcetti’s 17th Cash for College Convention. Five of those individuals were participants in HCIDLA’s FamilySource System.
Tax Back
HCIDLA FamilySource Centers have helped families and individuals get back over $9.88 million in tax credits during the last six years through the Free Tax Prep LA campaign.

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor

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