Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti takes a live call at HCIDLA’s hotline center during the launch of HCIDLA’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) awareness campaign.

More Help for Homeless
Kudos to the California Community Foundation, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and Weingart Foundation for partnering up to provide $16 million in loans and grants to increase affordable housing and battle the homeless crisis in Los Angeles!

Know Your Rights
Keep an eye out for HCIDLA’s new Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Awareness Campaign! We’ll be distributing handouts and online material on the ABC’s of the RSO so Angelenos know their rights as renters and tenants.

Consolidated Plan
HCIDLA released the award letters for this year’s Consolidated Plan (ConPlan)! This year’s Con Plan includes over $120 million for economic development, housing, neighborhood improvement, and social services.

Hello, It’s Your Mayor...

Our Mayor listens to the people...where he knocked on a few doors and quite literally, as a matter of fact. To mark the launch of HCIDLA’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Awareness Campaign, Mayor Garcetti took time out in May to visit HCIDLA’s hotline center to thank dedicated staff for their often overlooked efforts. To their delight, aside from the obligatory selfie requests, he even took a few live calls from surprised constituents, where he got a valuable first-ear opportunity to listen to some of the housing issues plaguing Los Angeles and its residents.

The Mayor then followed that up by accompanying HCIDLA housing inspectors to a nearby multi-family apartment, every day to help make this city greener and energy efficient.

Housing and sustainability have always been close to Mayor Garcetti’s heart, and this time he’s getting the word out the old fashioned way, one knock (or even phone call) at a time.
**SIX APPEAL**

“I got your six.” Those in the military, or avid History Channel buffs, are well aware that there are only a few things more meaningful than those four words on the battlefield. It’s code for “I got your back” (think of a clock, with the 12 being in front and the 6 in back), and that’s what every soldier needs to hear – that they’re covered, they won’t have to worry, and they can keep moving forward. Off the battlefield, it’s been an entirely different story, as Los Angeles has seen an inexcusable number of veterans suffering from homelessness. Housing our vets has long been a priority of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and HCIDLA is proud to partner with Skid Row Housing Trust yet again to participate in its April 2016 unveiling of a brand new, permanent supportive housing development in the MacArthur Park area specially catered to veterans. Appropriately named “The Six,” this LEED Platinum-certified project provides 52 high quality apartments for homeless vets. Just as importantly, it also has space designated for community saintuaries, on-site supportive services and programs to further help these individuals get back on their feet. HCIDLA contributed $4,277,100 in Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars towards this $16.7 million development. It represents a major step forward in the fight against homelessness, and it validates our continued mission in serving the community. The City of LA has the veterans’ six, and we’re definitely not looking back.

**GAINING GROUND**

Shovels have been digging, and ribbons are being cut, which is good news as Los Angeles attempts to close the gap between housing and homelessness. It’s still a long road ahead, but we’re steadfast in this journey as evidenced by these latest development news:

On June 2, 2016, LA Family Housing (LAFH) hosted the groundbreaking ceremony of The Campus in Council District 6, a massive complex that will place all housing and supportive services under one roof. Upon completion, the Campus will boast of permanent supportive housing for 50 homeless adults, bridge housing for over 450 families and individuals, community areas to encourage social collaboration, a health clinic, and a plethora of onsite supportive services. HCIDLA is a proud partner of LAFH, and has contributed $1.9 million in Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars to this innovative, state-of-the-art project.

LINC Housing celebrated the start of construction for Mosaic Gardens in Westlake on June 9, 2016. Located in Council District 13, this 125-unit development is geared towards formerly homeless households, and low income families and seniors. The $57.1 million project, with HCIDLA funding of $5 million in CDBG funds and $1.7 million in HOME dollars, aims to be LEED Gold certified, with additional space designated for a community garden, health and wellness room, and supportive services for its residents.

At the other end of the development spectrum, AMCAL proved they “ain’t afraid of no ghosts” as they commemorated the grand opening of the Hollenbeck Terrace Apartments on June 9, 2016. Formerly the Linda Vista Community Hospital (and alleged haunted hospital for that matter), this $34 million project in Council District 14 was rehabilitated to now provide 96 affordable units for low income seniors. It is LEED Gold certified, and in addition to spacious, energy efficient units, there is public space designated for amenities, including a library, two commercial kitchens and numerous rooms for social interaction. Many original aspects of the hospital were retained, giving the facility a beautifully nostalgic yet updated feel for residents and visitors. HCIDLA funding consisted of $8.9 million in HOME funds and $4.8 million in NSP2 dollars, while proving that there’s nothing spooky about providing for our seniors.