

# TRI-VALLEY CITIES: FRAMEWORK FOR HOUSING LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

The Tri-Valley Cities will consider the following key themes while informing, influencing, and advocating on the topic of housing.

## ***Balanced Solutions – Housing, Jobs, and Transportation***

- Regional solutions need to take a balanced approach that considers housing, transportation/transit, and jobs together.
- Regional transit agencies and MTC must support improved transit services to existing and new neighborhoods and address accompanying funding needs.

## ***Provide, Promote, and Protect Affordability***

- Protect existing affordable housing stock, including rental apartments, deed-restricted units, and mobile homes, and promote affordable housing that includes long-term affordability agreements.
- Ensure that all new state mandated incentives, fee reductions, and density bonus program are directly linked to the level and percentage of affordable units provided for each project.

## ***Context-Sensitive Housing***

- Avoid “one-size-fits-all” standards for regional housing by ensuring that policies and laws allow for sensitivity to local context.
- Advocate and facilitate production of Accessory Dwelling Units, and encourage development of housing types, compatible with suburban community character.
- Enable cities to develop locally-appropriate plans that meet State objectives in a manner that is compatible with existing community character.

## ***Infrastructure and Services***

- Mandates for new housing production need to be accompanied by funding that can support expanded transportation, transit, and infrastructure, including planning, and capital improvement programs and funding to support new school facilities.

## ***Funding and Resources***

- There should be no net loss of local funding.
- New funding measures should not unduly impact local taxation capacity or divert financial resources from essential services and infrastructure.
- New housing mandates should include funding to offset administrative costs associated with supporting the new program and new reporting requirements

