TOD University
Housing 101
Instruction for Exercise 1 - Set Goals for New Housing In Your Community Plan Area

Objectives:
- To get participants to begin thinking about unmet housing needs in their community and the importance of affordable housing.

Materials:
- Exercise instruction sheet found below for each group that has been updated to with data on the community's housing needs. Print enough copies for each participant.
- Flip chart and marker

Instructions:
- Fill in the below worksheet with information on your community plan area (For Step 1, See “Housing Overview Exercise 1 Step 1.pdf.” For Step 3, See “Housing Overview Exercise 1 Step 3.pdf” to find your information). These numbers are estimates based on regional housing requirements, not based on city policy.
- Break participants up into small groups. Each group will designate a person to report back to the group on the housing goals the group developed. Have at least one facilitator walking around the room to help and observe groups.
- After about 15 minutes ask the groups to report out to the larger group on their agreed upon housing goals and their decision making process for arriving at their group’s goal. Write down each group’s goal to illustrate the difference or similarities between groups.
- Facilitate a conversation with the larger group on challenges or issues the small groups faced in agreeing upon their goal. Issues to consider:
  - Did you all agree on your goal? Why or why not?
  - Was the need for housing met? Why or why not?
**Set Goals for New Housing In Your Community Plan Area**

In this exercise, set a target number of new homes to be added to your community over the next 5 to 10 years, to address different housing goals.

**Step 1. Reduce Overcrowding and Overpaying:**
Of the 61,400 households in West Adams-Leimert-Baldwin Hills, about **2,800** are overcrowded (more than 1 ½ people per room of a house), and **19,000** pay more than half of their income on housing costs. New housing could help relieve overcrowding and overpaying burdens. These numbers overlap – some households could be both overcrowded and overpaying.

Set a target to help reduce these issues, if you believe this is important. One way to set this target might be to identify a percent reduction you’d like to see in overcrowding and overpaying households.

1a. **Our goal is __________ new homes in the West Adams-Leimert-Baldwin Hills area to help relieve overcrowded and overpaying neighbors in the next 5 to 10 years.**

**Step 2. Offer Housing for the Homeless:**
There are an estimated **57,000** homeless residents living throughout the entire City of Los Angeles.

Set a target to help reduce homelessness, if you believe this is important. You might want to identify a percent reduction, and a percent you believe this particular community should address.

2a. **Our goal is __________ new homes in the West Adams-Leimert-Baldwin Hills area to help homelessness by 2021.**

**Step 3. Accommodate New Population Growth**
The City is forecasted to add **82,000** new homes between 2014 and 2021. This is just to keep pace with new population growth – not to address overcrowding or homelessness.

Assuming that the West Adams-Leimert-Baldwin Hills community plan area continues to grow at its historic pace, it would need to add **3,330 new homes** by 2021. This would be about **4%** of total expected citywide growth.

Set a target of new homes you would like to house your children, grandchildren, or others moving to the City of Los Angeles by 2021.
3a. Our goal is __________ new homes in the **West Adams-Leimert-Baldwin Hills** area to house new residents.

Now, add the numbers in the three boxes together for your total housing goal:

________ to relieve overcrowding/overpaying  
+  
________ to relieve homelessness  
+  
________ to house new residents  
=  

________ total new homes