

Housing Trust Fund Ventura County hosts 2022 “Our Community Promise” Annual Public Meeting

Welcomes Keynotes Ray Pearl, Executive Director, California Housing Consortium
and Troy Brown, City Manager, City of Moorpark

Ventura County, CA – Housing Trust Fund Ventura County (Housing Trust Fund VC), will host their 2022 “Our Community Promise” Annual Public Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register for this free informative event about housing equity and affordability at www.housingtrustfundvc.org.

Housing Trust Fund VC’s Annual Public Meeting affirms the organization’s Community Promise to positively impact people’s lives through funding safe and equitable homes. Meeting participants will hear from keynote speakers Ray Pearl, Executive Director of the California Housing Consortium, and the City of Moorpark Manager Troy Brown who is also President of the International City/Council Management Association (ICMA). Both will address housing insecurities and the lack of affordable housing on the federal, state, and local levels. Housing Trust Fund VC Chair Alex Russell and CEO Linda Braunschweiger will round out the meeting sharing the nonprofit’s 2021 year-end community impact and goals for 2022 and beyond.

As Executive Director of the California Housing Consortium, Ray Pearl leads the premier “big tent” housing advocacy organization representing the development, building, financial and public sectors, united in a non-partisan effort to advance affordable housing and community development across California. Pearl has spent years in the private sector with work in government affairs, land use planning, association management and housing advocacy.

Troy Brown is City Manager of the City of Moorpark, as well as the ICMA president. With over 25 years of experience working in the public sector, Brown has served as Assistant to the City Manager for the California cities of Riverside, Elk Grove and Tracy, before joining Moorpark in 2018. Additionally, Brown has participated in numerous community organizations and policy committees with the League of California Cities.

“I look forward to shining a light on the growing need for more affordable housing in our community and how Housing Trust Fund VC’s continuous efforts are paying off as over 800 affordable apartments and homes now exist or are in the works due to our early funding support,” comments CEO Linda Braunschweiger, “I am especially interested to hear from Ray and Troy as they touch on the housing crisis as it relates to local all the way up to federal level conversations.”

As of December 2021, Housing Trust Fund VC, through its revolving loan fund, has invested over \$18.7 million in approved loans since 2012 with \$8.825 million of that committed in 2021 alone. This has, or will, create 847 affordable apartments and homes for very-low, low- and moderate-income individuals and families, young adults transitioning out of foster care, veterans, farm workers, developmentally abled adults, and homeless individuals and families.

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