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Reviving Multifamily Housing Development: Hurdles and Opportunities

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Multifamily Housing Development: Trends and Opportunities

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2000 – 2009: THE REGIONAL RECAP

➤ **Population**

- Los Angeles County: 10.2 million in 2009, up 9% over 2000 pop. of 9.3 million
- Region : 21.7 million, up 13% over the 2000 pop. of 19.2 million

➤ **Employment -- December 2009 versus January 2000**

- Los Angeles County: 3.9 million jobs; now below January 2000 totals
- Region: 8.2 million jobs; slightly above January 2000

➤ **Per Capita Personal Income (adjusted for inflation)**

- Los Angeles County: virtually no change since 2000
- Region:
 - 2008 per capita income ranged from a high of \$49,000 in OC to a low of \$28,000 in IE
 - 2008 per capita income in Inland Empire now below 2000 levels



2000 – 2009: THE REGIONAL RECAP

LA CountyRegion

➤ **Residential Permits**

Total Residential Permits:	194,000	735,000
Total multifamily permits:	112,000	265,000
	58% of total	36% of total

➤ **For-Sale Residential Prices (net percentage change, adjusted for inflation)**

All Housing (New and Existing):	27%	4%
Condominiums (Existing):	58%	25%

➤ **Apartment Rents (net percentage change, adjusted for inflation)**

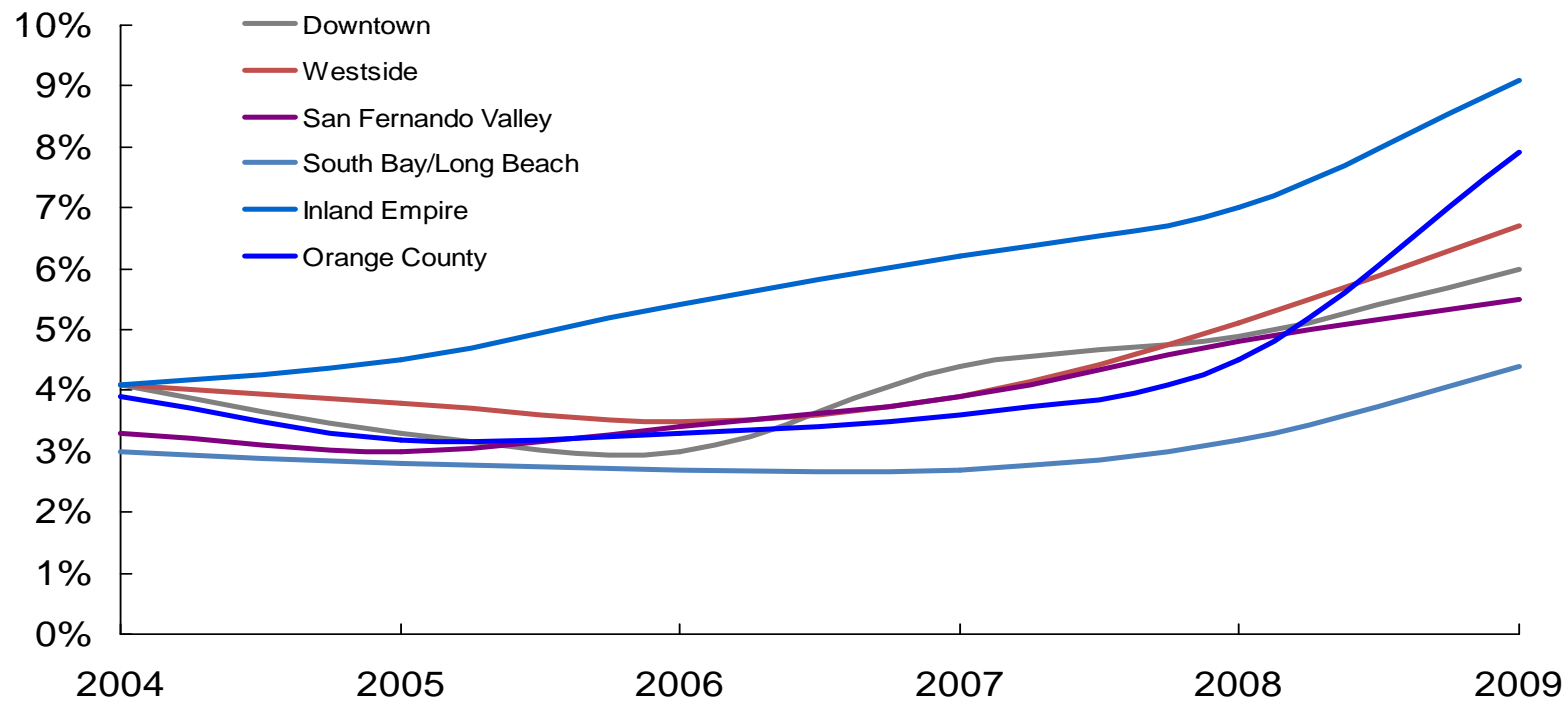
12%	8%
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Note: Figures shown for 2000 thru Q3 2009



APARTMENT MARKETS WEAKENED FURTHER RENTAL RATE DECLINES ACCOMPANY RISING VACANCY

Apartment Vacancy Rate
Southern California (by market)

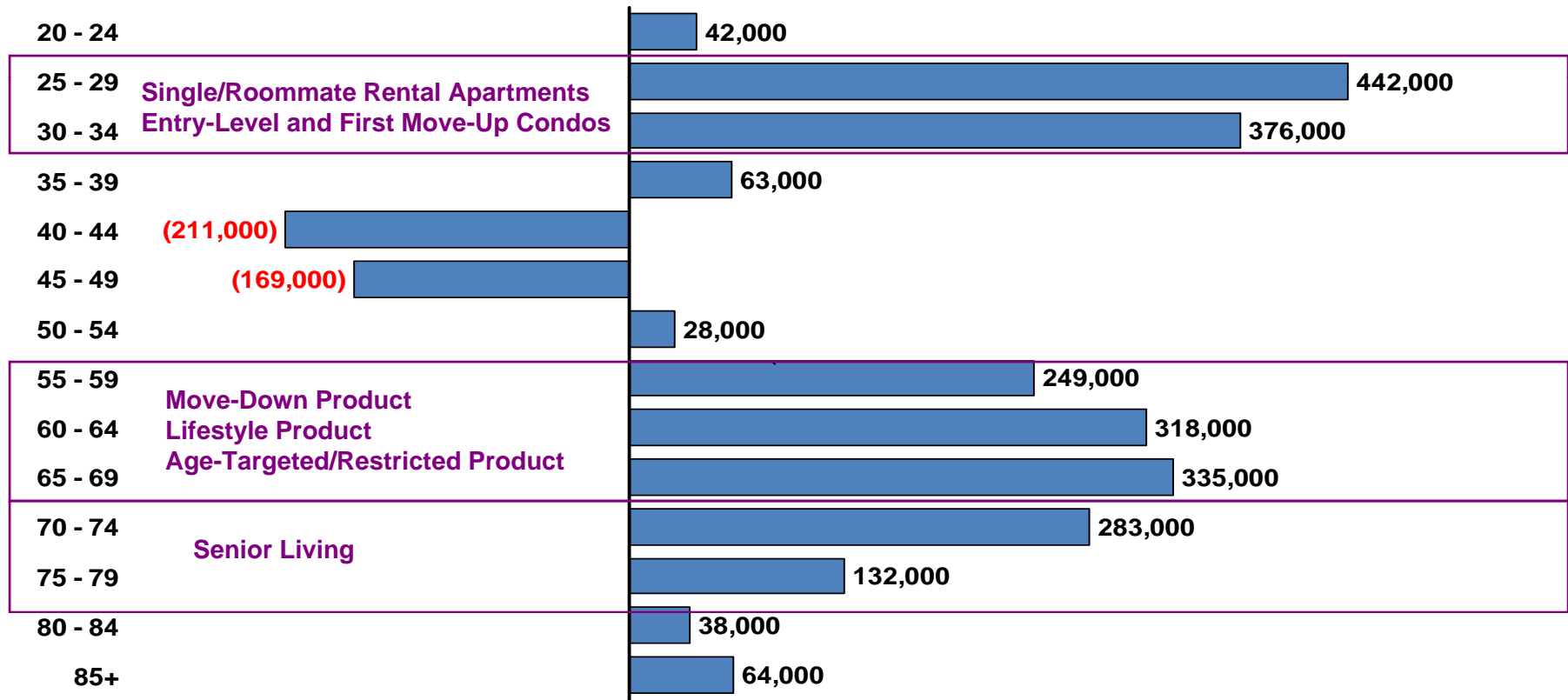




FUELING RECOVERY – SOCAL POP EXPANSION

CURRENT POP. OF 19 MILLION TO GROW BY 2+ MILLION

Projected Total Population Growth Rate by Age
Southern California, 2010-2020





DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

GENERATION Y - DEEP DEMAND WITH URBAN TASTES

Generation	Born	2010 Age	Percent Nation	U.S. Pop.
Eisenhowers	Before 1946	64+	17%	51M
Baby Boomers	1946 - 1964	46 - 64	27%	<u>78M</u>
Gen X	1965 - 1980	30 - 45	18%	52M
Gen Y (Echo/Millennials)	1981 - 1999	11 - 29	27%	<u>80M</u>
Gen Z (?)	2000 and After	0 - 10	10%	30M



DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

GEN Y AND BOOMERS INFLUENCE ON MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT

- **Gen Y will be the key demographic to focus on for multifamily over the next 10 years**
 - Large number entering the rental market starting in 2009 and thereafter
 - Becoming first-time homebuyers in 2012 and thereafter
- **Baby Boomers are larger in numbers than Gen Ys but reduced turnover with age diminishes demand; major force for upscale condo living**
 - Have more options (in terms of product, location, and setting) than Gen Y; Multifamily is only one of their many options
 - Demonstrated interest in condo living – product has to have a marketing hook to heighten interest





DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS – URBAN RESHAPING

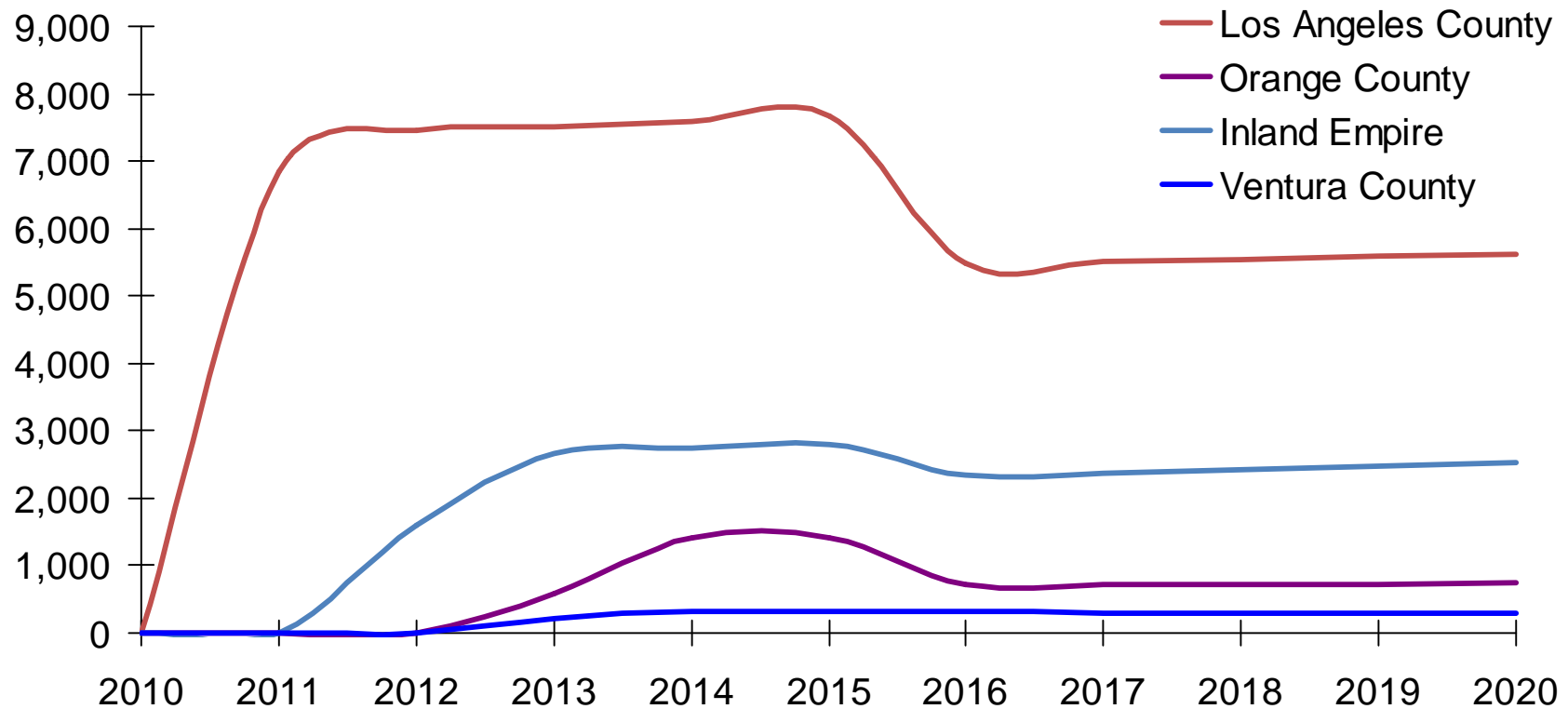
FAVORABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR MULTIFAMILY



- **Intown areas and inner suburbs** will remain on an upward trajectory
 - Diversity, walkability and proximity to 24/7 places will be keys to site selection and premiums
 - Renters will represent a steady stream of demand
 - Gen Y will shift toward homeownership in 2018
 - Product types -- smaller and affordable and should have focus on design over size
- **Suburbs** will need to evolve to remain attractive to Gen Y
 - More walkable areas, including new and existing town centers – urbanizing suburban commercial nodes
 - Master-planned communities with greater variety of product and higher connectivity



NEW APARTMENTS - IN PLACE BEGINNING 2011/12 CONSTANT 5% MARKET VACANCY



SOURCE: Marcus & Millichap (builds on projected 2009 vacancy) ; modified SCAG population projections



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PRODUCT OPPORTUNITIES CAPITALIZING ON THE MULTIFAMILY TRENDS

➤ Urban Place-Driven Rental Housing

- Reduced unit sizes, amenity rich
- Higher rent per sq. ft.; lower absolute rents
- Broader market appeal



➤ Ultra-Luxury Apartments and Condos

- High-finish, high-service product with views
- Only for 100%, A+ locations, offering 24/7 living

➤ Family-Targeted Condos and Apartments

- Gen X having kids, nearly as urban as Gen Y
- Balance need for more living area with desire to maintain urban lifestyle
- Need improved urban school districts to enable - *big challenge but big market!*





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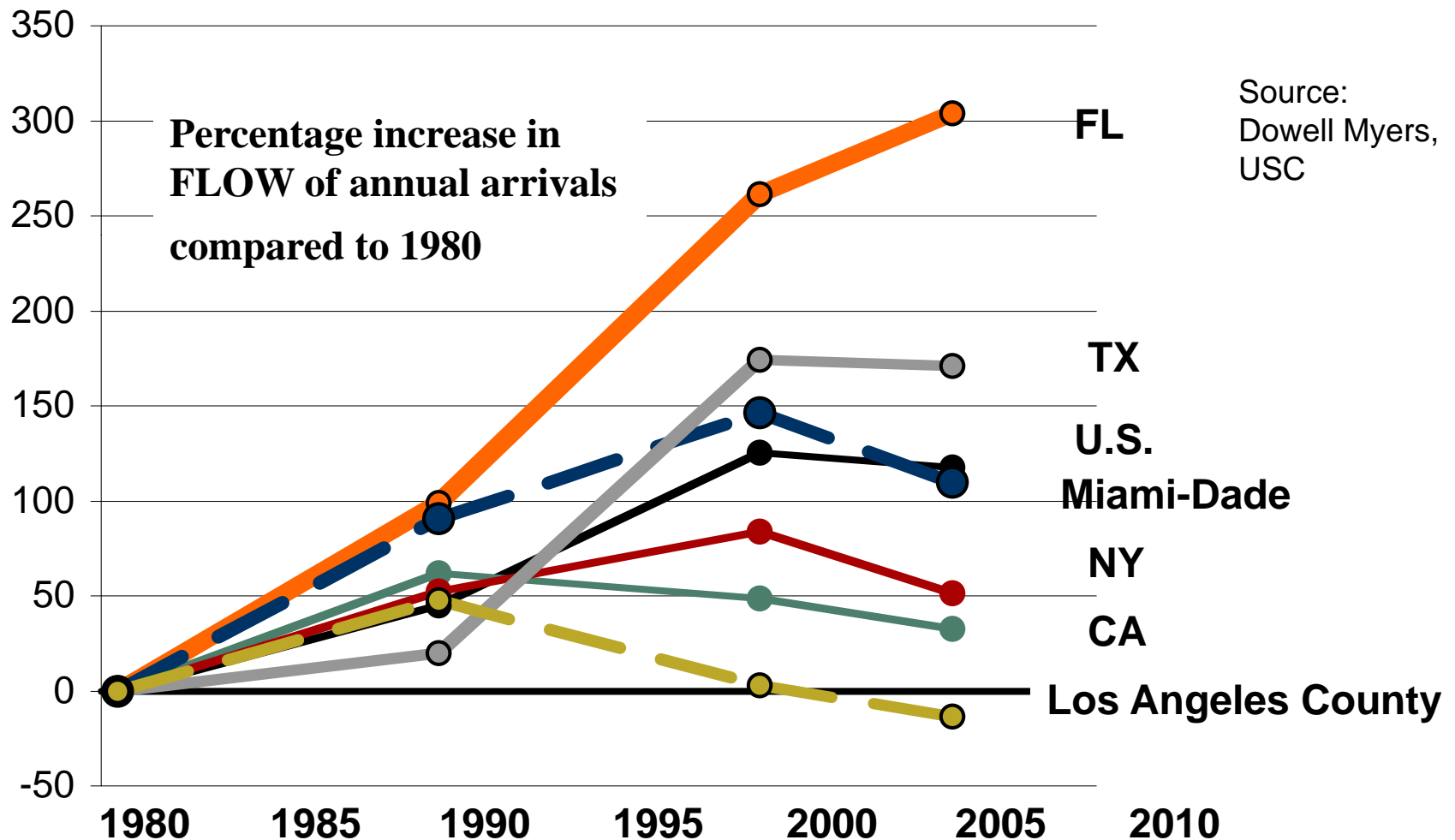


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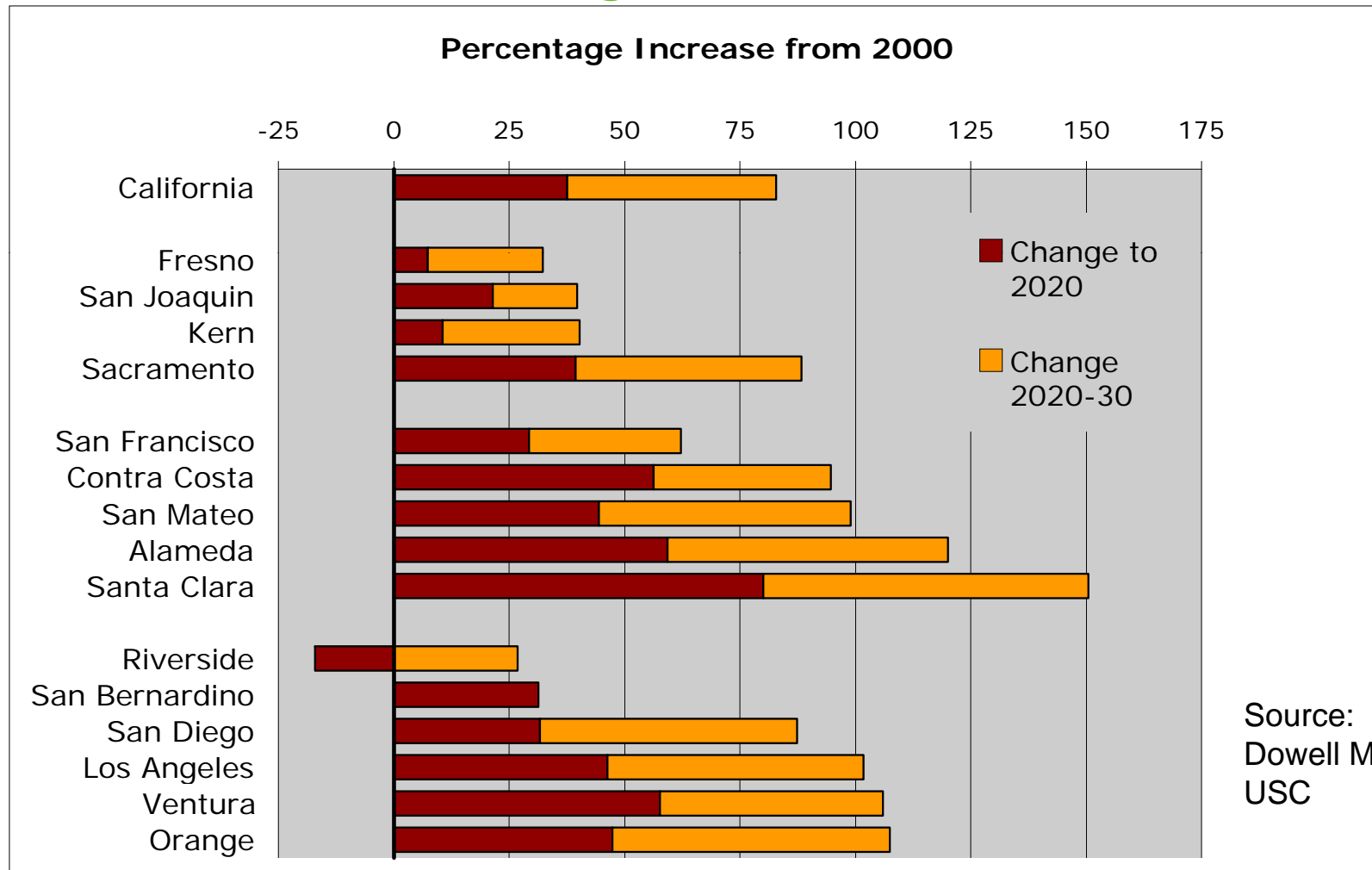


Annual Immigration Declining in Traditional Major Gateways





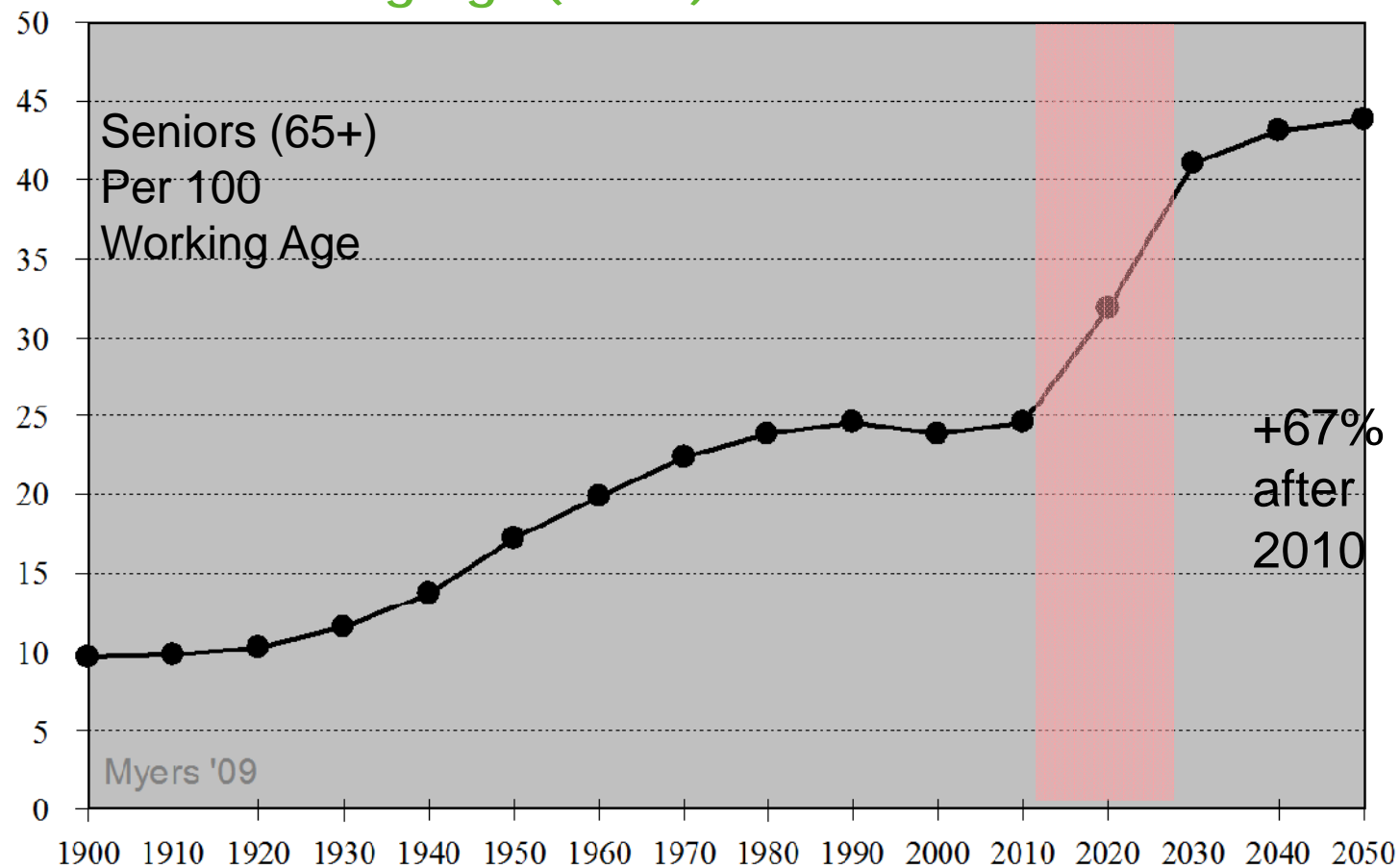
Percent Change in Senior Ratio to 2030



Source:
Dowell Myers
USC



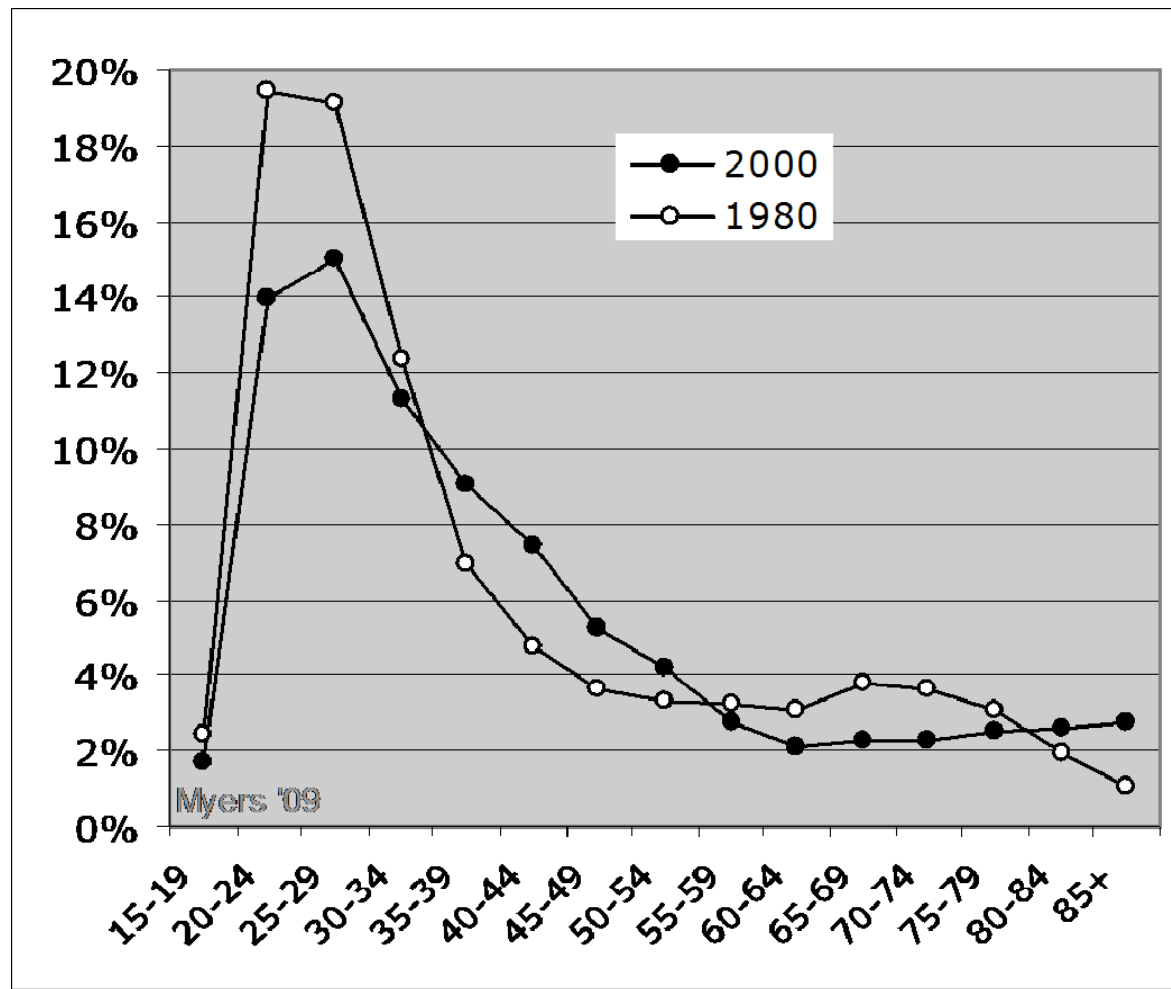
Ratio of Seniors per 100 Working Age (25-64) Residents in the U.S.



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Age Profile of Tenants in Recently Built Apartments



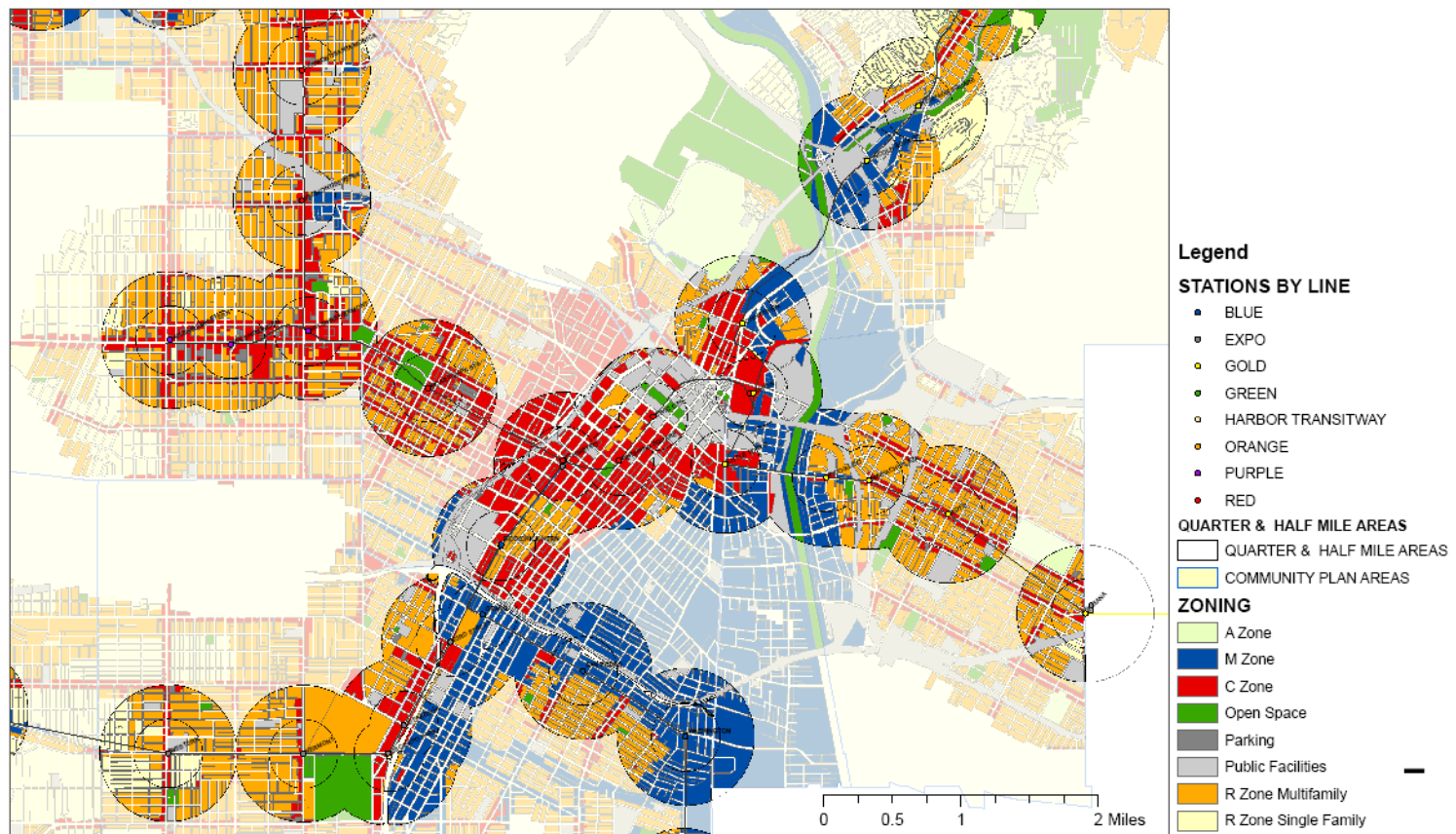
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Transit Oriented Districts

City of Los Angeles

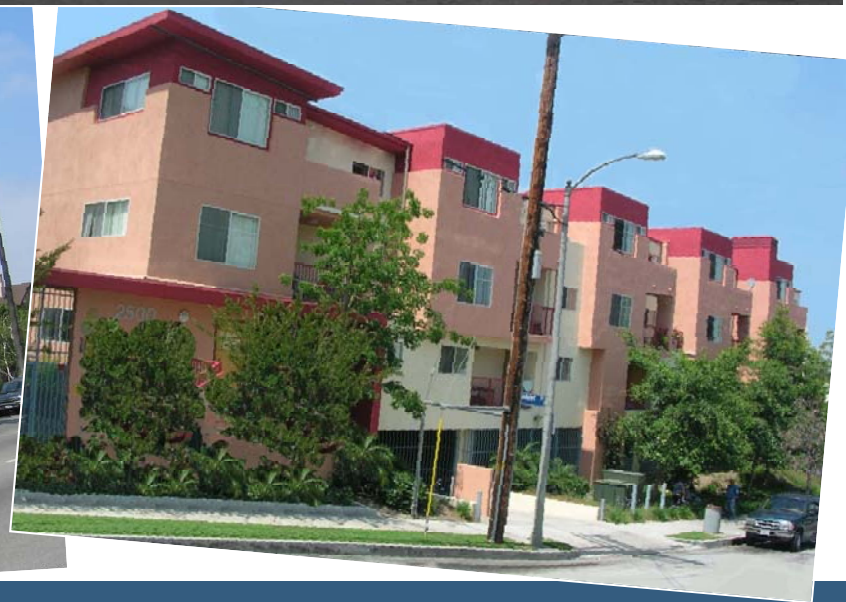
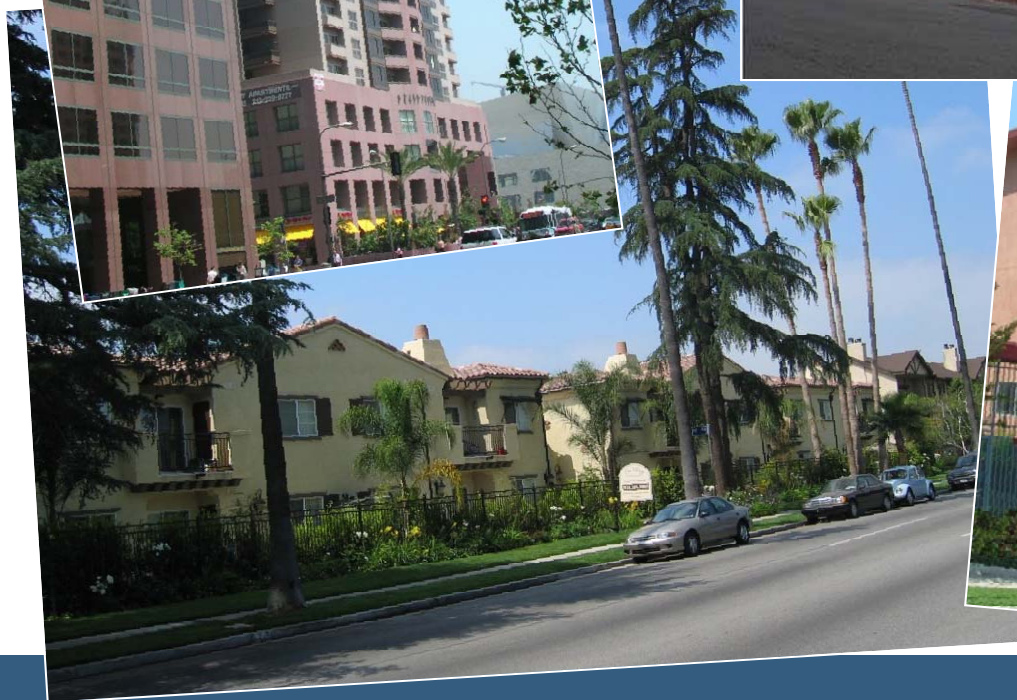
Transit Oriented District Planning Areas - Central City and Adjacent Community Plan Areas





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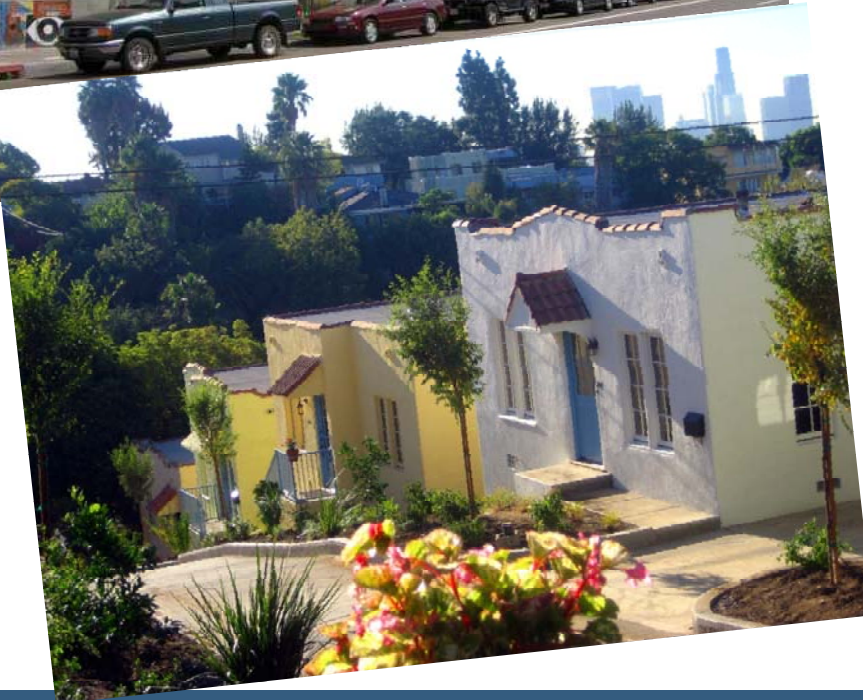
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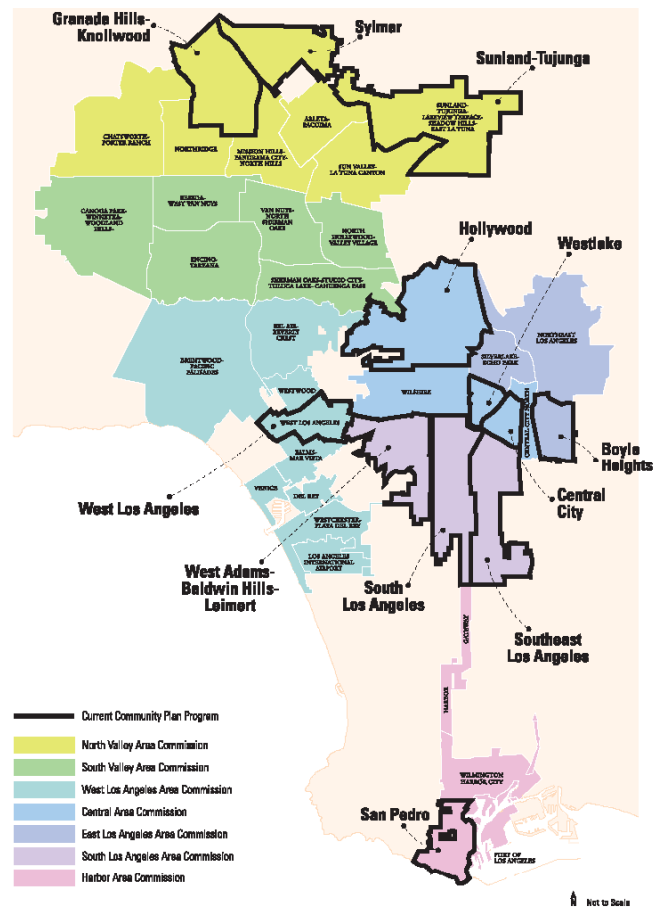
Small Lot Ordinance



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New Community Plans



Prepared by City of Los Angeles Planning Department • Graphic Services Section • July 2007
Data may vary - "7 Area Planning Commission", March 22, 2009



Development Reform

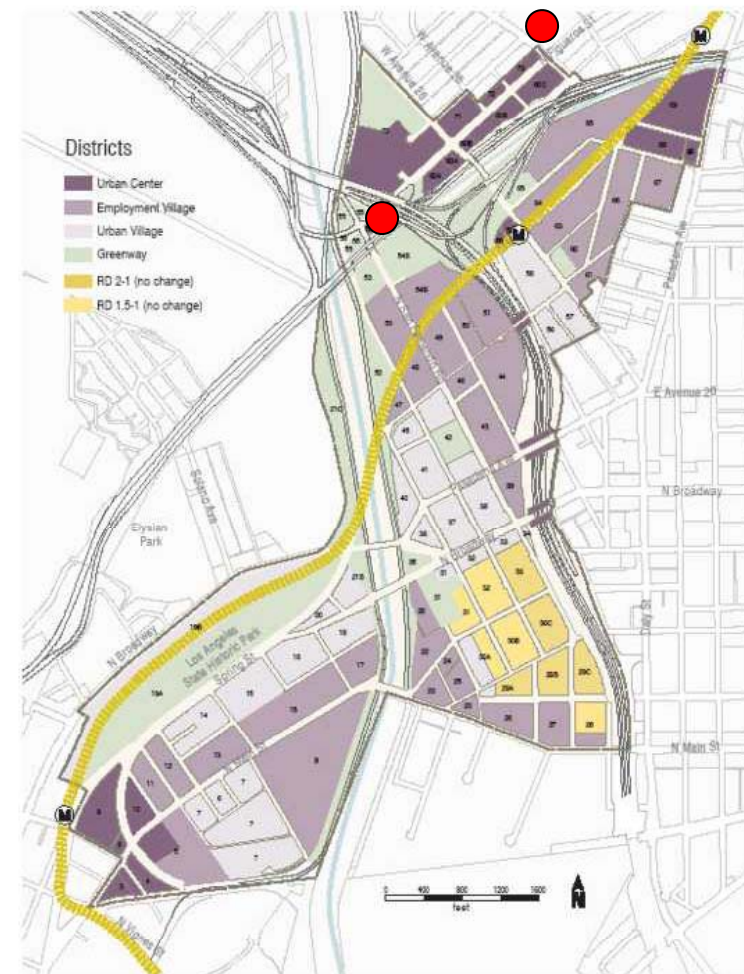
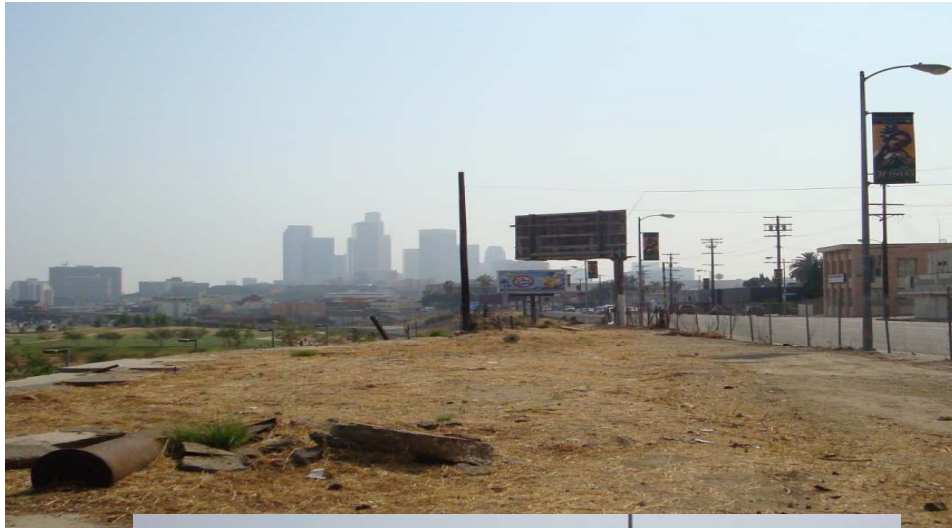
- NEW COMMUNITY PLANS → REDUCE CASES
- CODE REFORM → STREAMLINE; SIMPLIFY
- EFFICIENT DEPARTMENT → EXPEDITE ENTITLEMENTS
- 12 TO 2 → REDUCE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS



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Cornfield/Arroyo Seco Specific Plan





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CHALLENGES

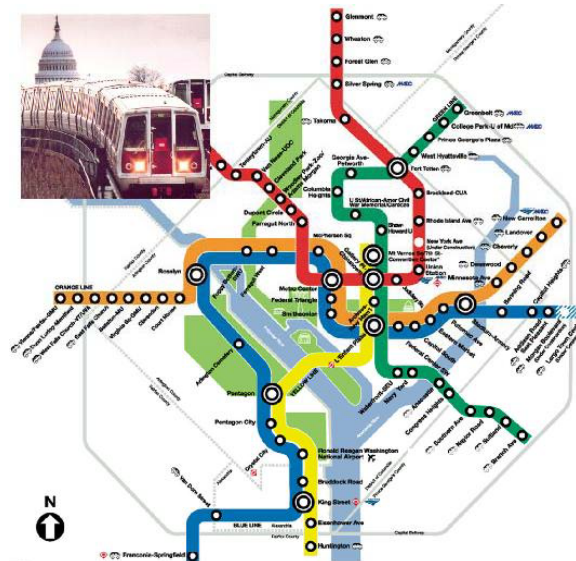


Multi-family Rental rates





OPPORTUNITIES





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