CALIFORNIA’S AGING POPULATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING

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California’s Older Population by County, 2015

Largest Concentrations of Aged 65+ Population

- Sacramento
- Contra Costa
- San Francisco
- Alameda
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Los Angeles
- Orange

Largest Concentrations of Aged 85+ Population

- Placer
- Solano
- Marin
- Sonoma
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus
- Ventura
- Riverside
- San Diego

State of California Counties

Older Adults (65+) per Square Mile (2015)

- 0.3 - 30
- 31 - 100
- 101 - 500
- 501 - 2477

Source: American Community Survey (2015). Map created by Stephen Frochen, USC.
Projected Older Population by Age, 2010-2050

Source: California Department of Finance.
California’s Most Rapidly Aging Counties

Top 10 Counties

1. Riverside  +246%
2. Santa Clara  +201%
3. San Bernardino  +201%
4. Alameda  +193%
5. Contra Costa  +191%
6. Sacramento  +186%
7. Los Angeles  +168%
8. San Francisco  +157%
9. Orange  +149%
10. San Diego  +144%
Projected 65+ Pop. by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2050

Source: California Department of Finance.
Licensed residential care facilities in CA provide beds for only ~3% of adults 60+ in urban areas; even fewer in suburban and rural areas (SCAN Foundation, 2011)

Older adults should be able to age in their communities or near family, but...

“There are too few choices and none located in the neighborhood”
Residential Care Capacity by County, 2015

Capacity ranges from 1-7% for 65+ Population

Capacity ranges from 10-50% for 85+ Population
Old and on the Street: The Graying of America’s Homeless

The emergence of an older homeless population is creating daunting challenges for social service agencies and governments already struggling to fight poverty.

- CA has largest homeless population in the nation
- Adults 50+ make up 31% of the nation’s homeless population
  - 50+ are 47% of LA homeless population
African Americans make up only 9% of LA County older adult population, but 45% of the homeless population.
Reasons for Homelessness

- Unemployment/financial: Percentage (%)
- Family/relationships
- No friends/family
- Medical
- Mental health
- Drugs/alcohol
- Release from jail/prison
- Eviction/foreclosure

Percentage (%): 0 10 20 30 40 50 60