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"Our vision remains focused on serving you with your housing and community development needs, as we work to fulfill our mission to Build Better Lives and Better Neighborhoods." The Commission serves as the County's Housing Authority as well as its community and economic development arm. We are focused on creating and preserving affordable housing, encouraging business development, and investing in community growth.

As the second largest housing authority in Southern California, we provide rental assistance to approximately 24,000 eligible low-income families living in the County. This assistance helps a variety of residents including homeless vets, mentally ill, homeless mothers with children, and seniors. We also manage over 3,200 units of public and other affordable housing that is linked to supportive programs which empower residents to gain self-sufficiency and independence.

This past year proved to be difficult for the housing community. With federal reductions due to sequestration, and the government shutdown that threatened additional cuts, the Housing Authority fought hard to preserve the funding used to help its families remain in their homes and keep housing subsidies intact. Although faced with challenges, we maintained our flexibility and resilience. For our efforts, we received the highest performance designations from our primary funder, HUD, for our Public Housing, Section 8, and Community Development Block Grant programs.

The Commission's impact was felt throughout the County. For example, we partnered with First 5 LA to administer \$7.5 million in Rental Assistance and Services which will help roughly 700 families with young children who are at risk of homelessness or who are homeless, secure stable housing. We also helped 1,900 businesses thrive through façade improvements, micro loans, and other technical assistance. Finally, to make sure County residents continue living in safe housing, we provided residential rehabilitation and code enforcement improvements for over 2,000 housing units.

For the upcoming year, our vision remains focused on serving you, the residents of Los Angeles County, with your housing and community development needs as we work to fulfill our mission to Build Better Lives and Better Neighborhoods.