

"Jobs Creation Initiative"

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Housing Depression

- Since 2005, the County permit total has plummeted from 17,000 permits to just 1,500 in 2011.
- Likewise, according to a study by Dr. John Husing, with construction activity down \$10.6 billion from 2005 to 2009, and residential building down -\$8.6 billion of that, the sector has been a major contributor to a -\$21.2 billion overall decline in the region's \$110.7 billion economy.

Dr. Husing recommendations

Recommendations by Dr. Husing to help jumpstart new home development, create jobs and hasten economic recovery.

- Local officials can seriously consider cutting developer impact fees (DIF).
- Local officials and the industry can consider allowing smaller homes to be built.
- Local officials can consider allowing greater density by allowing smaller lot sizes. This is consistent with the goals of SB 375 which argues for more compact communities.

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The BIA Baldy View Chapter continues to promote our “Jobs Creation Initiative”, a policy package grounded in empirical data that reaffirms a core economic principle - **the jobs created by the home building industry serves as the foundation for a strong local, regional, state and national economy.**

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- The Jobs Creation Initiative focuses on the following 5 core policy approaches:
 - #1 Temporarily reduce fees
 - City of San Bernardino – extended a 50% reduction to DIF and all processing fees for 24 months.
 - City of Highland – extended 20% fee credit by 12 months.

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- #2 Defer fee payments to certificate of occupancy
- #3 Eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and requirements that would add unnecessary costs or delays
- #4 Explore innovative alternatives to help restore a healthy housing market
- #5 Foster collaborative solution-oriented policy dialogue between public/private sector aimed at strengthening our economy and quality of life