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The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) proudly presented its Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Glendora Public Library. The event brought together more than 80 elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to explore innovative housing projects and affordable housing funding mechanisms in California.

Speakers and panelists shared innovative building practices, such as bridge housing and microcommunity units, and presented various funding programs that encourage developments of affordable housing units and accessory dwelling units. Additionally, the event highlighted details and updates of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust.

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The first panel of the Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum consisted of speakers from the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Perkins&Will, and Illumination Housing. The panelists shared and discussed innovative building solutions and projects such as Mayor Garcetti's Proposition HHH Housing Challenge, shared housing projects, micro-community designs, micro-homes, and modular dwelling units.



Speakers from the second panel then guided the audience to explore various programs that fund and finance affordable housing projects in California. Representatives from the Housing Trust Fund Ventura County and Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) showcased programs that provide low-cost predevelopment and critical repair financing for developers and tenant associations.



Additionally, SGVCOG staff provided an overview of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust for the attendees. The Trust will serve as a joint powers authority and allow communities within the jurisdiction of SGVCOG to fund housing projects to assist individuals that experience homelessness and residents of extremely-low, very-low, and low-income. It is expected that the Trust will be operational in the next few months.



SGVCOG would like to take the opportunity to once again thank the forum's speakers and panelists for sharing their knowledge, insights, and expertise with the forum's attendees. Speaker presentations from the Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum can be found and downloaded in PDF forms from the SGVCOG website at https://www.sgvcog.org/affordablehousingforum.