



MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR RICHARD K. RAINEY

Dear Friends,

Partnerships with local and state governments, nonprofits, housing developers, and owners of multifamily housing developments and private landlords are the key to our work in Region IX of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada make up our region, and are staffed through 9 field offices and the Regional Office located in San Francisco. In California, HUD field offices are located in San Diego, Fresno, Santa Ana, Los Angeles and Sacramento. In Nevada, our field offices are in Las Vegas and Reno. In Arizona, we are located in Phoenix and Tucson. In Hawaii, we operate from a Honolulu Field Office.

We have some of the fastest growing cities in America, as well as some of the cities with the greatest “affordability gap” for homeownership. The challenges are real, and our partnerships to meet these challenges affect the quality of life in urban as well as more rural parts of the region. It couldn’t be done without the strong involvement of those committed to affordable, safe and sound housing, and to improved economic opportunities for all.

Together, we also have moved forward to meet new challenges. The effort to end chronic homelessness within ten years, by adopting Ten Year Plans by local government, has been taken up by 25 cities in our region. In Phoenix, Arizona, an impress campus that gathers services and opportunities for the homeless into a single location is setting a national model. In San Francisco, the innovative Operation Homeless Connect is now being duplicated in a dozen or more cities. In the East Bay communities of Oakland and Alameda County, a First Place Fund for Youth is taking up helping emancipated foster youth to obtain their first independent housing.

In California’s Central Valley, a consortium of federal agencies makeup a Task Force addressing needs from clean air to economic opportunity in a coordinated partnership that leverages resources from each part of the federal government. A similar effort now has been launched there by the State of California.

Region IX piloted an “energy efficiency bulk purchasing tool” to help housing authorities and others upgrade to improved energy savings. The pilot is now expanded to the national level, with over 200 housing authorities signed up and 85 suppliers of Energy Star products making available special pricing for them.

I urge you to look at our internet pages at www.hud.gov, and specifically go to the Region IX information. There you will find 2,350,000 pages of information for Region IX partners and residents, and will join some 932,300 people who paid a visit to our web offerings last year.



MISSION STATEMENT

HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, HUD will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and forge new partnerships--particularly with faith-based and community organizations--that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level.