



Celebrating a quarter century of commitment to one mission: quality affordable housing for all Californians.

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To All Friends of Century,

This year is the 25th anniversary of Century Housing's incorporation as a nonprofit. Century's predecessor, The Century Freeway Housing Program, a state agency created to replenish the homes and apartments destroyed by the construction of the Century Freeway, was to disband in 1995 after having successfully completed its mission.

The remaining cash assets of the agency (approximately \$140 million) were to be returned to the General Fund in Sacramento. Instead, under the guidance of Judge Pregerson, the state agency was converted to Century Housing Corporation to ensure that these assets would be used to provide for affordable housing in perpetuity. As a result of the Judge's foresight, Century has cumulatively invested more than \$2 billion in the creation and preservation of approximately 45,000 affordable homes throughout California.



In normal times, such stellar achievements would call for a spectacular gala event. These are not normal times. Instead, Century is celebrating our 25 years of service with two \$25,000 donations paying tribute to our legacy charter school programs: Century Community Charter School and Century Academy for Excellence.

Century established and funded the creation of these two middle schools in 1997 and 2004, respectively, and administered each of them for a number of years until each was spun off as a separate nonprofit organization. Both schools are located in Inglewood and serve low income, minority communities: CCCS has 451 students and 86% are Hispanic, 11% are Black, and 85% are entitled to free lunch. CAFE has 150 students and 95% are Black, 5% are Hispanic, and 100% are entitled to free lunch.

Since we will not have a gala booklet for this anniversary, I encourage you to view the remainder of this online presentation, including the timeline on this page and the [25 Year Report PDF](#), as a reminder of Century's remarkable past.

Thank you helping us continue our mission,

Ron Griffith

President and CEO, Century Housing



There are still days when he wakes up worried that someone will “pull the rug out and tell [him he has] to go back to living on the streets.”

[Read Allan's story](#)

MORE THAN NUMBERS

Century's social impact cannot be communicated by numbers alone. Each affordable home created or preserved can serve dozens of individuals and families and benefit them and the surrounding community in ways that are difficult to measure. Keeping one chronically person off city streets has been found to save as much as \$440,000 per year, and the economic benefits of affordable housing development extends far beyond the construction jobs created. Affordable Housing also benefit the environment through green and energy efficient building practices and proximity to public transit. That said, our numbers also look pretty good!

\$2,000,000,000

Invested in Affordable Housing

45,000

Affordable Homes Financed and Developed

[See Century's 25 Year Report for the stories behind the numbers](#)

Century's award-winning development work in Long Beach led to opportunities in San Pedro and the West LA VA campus.

[More about Century's social impact at the Villages at Cabrillo and beyond](#)



Years of Service

TIMELINE

Discover Century's unique path to a leading role in California's response to the homelessness crisis. There is so much more to be done, but affordable housing is the best tool we have to make sure that our most vulnerable residents are included in the recovery. Here's to 25 more years of building homes and transforming lives!

NEPA Adopted

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) takes effect. Adopted by Congress in 1969, this "environmental Magna Carta," along with the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968, gave citizens the power to challenge federally funded activities in court. These laws were the basis for the landmark Keith v. Volpe lawsuit challenging the construction of the Century Freeway.

1970

1979

Keith v. Volpe

The Keith v. Volpe lawsuit filed in 1972 led to a preliminary injunction halting work. The 1979 Consent Decree establishes the Century Freeway Housing Program to replace 4,200 homes being lost during construction, as well as setting local hiring, job training, and contracting goals overseen by the Century Freeway Affirmative Action Committee and the Office of the Advocate for Corridor Residents.



[More pictures and memories in the Century 25 Year Report PDF](#)