



SCAG: Meeting Regional Housing Needs

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What Is an MPO?

- A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is, by federal law, designated by the governor of each state for every urban area with at least 50,000 residents.
- MPOs develop solutions to regional transportation problems and address other important issues such as land use, air quality, energy, economic development, commerce, and quality of life.

About SCAG

The SCAG Region

191
CITIES

6
COUNTIES

19.1M
RESIDENTS



36,618
SQUARE MILES

\$1.2T
REGIONAL GDP

15TH
LARGEST
ECONOMY
WORLDWIDE

48.1%
OF STATE
POPULATION

Primary Roles & Responsibilities

- 1 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)
- 2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS)
- 3 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)
- 4 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA)
- 5 REGIONAL DATA & INFORMATION CENTER
- 6 FORUM FOR ISSUES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE



Housing Program Overview

Regional Housing
Needs Assessment
(RHNA)

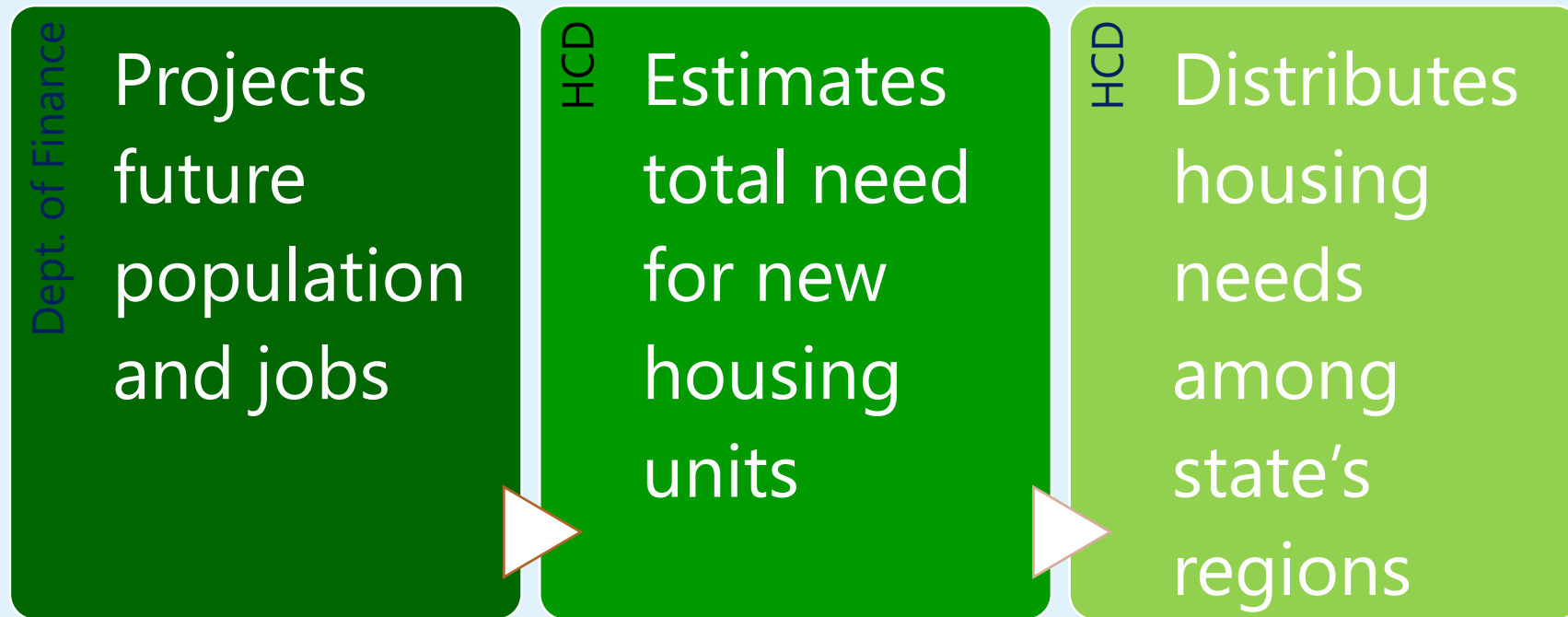
Regional Early
Action Planning
Program (REAP)
1.0

REAP 2.0

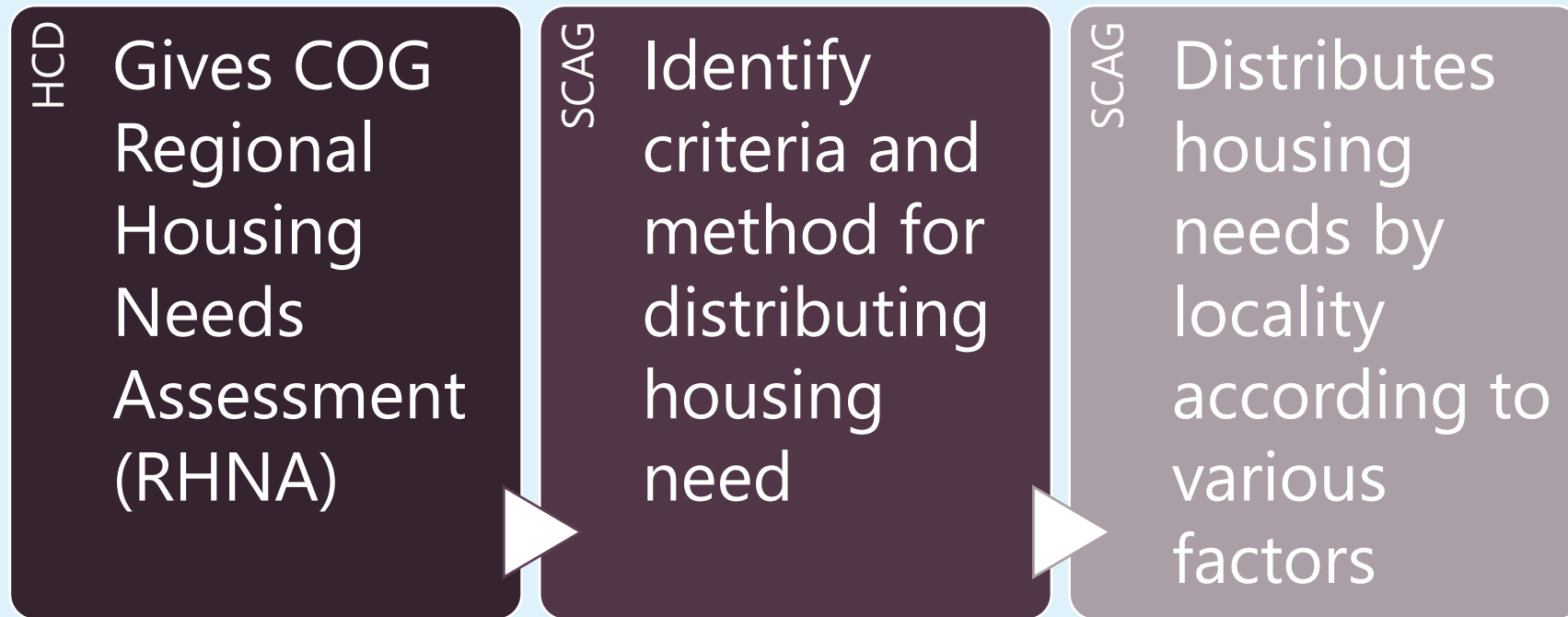
Housing Working
Group

Housing Policy
Development

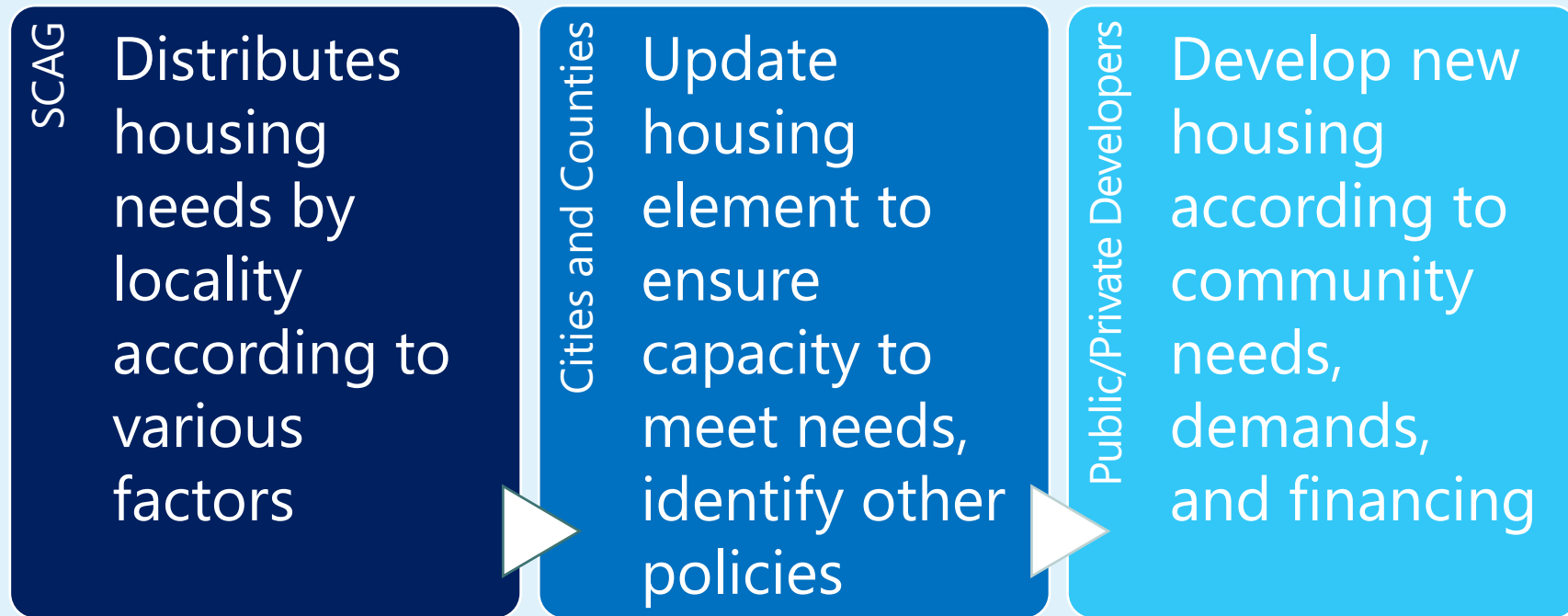
RHNA Process: State



RHNA Process: Region



RHNA Process: Locality



Comparison of Regional Determination by Cycle

• 4TH
CYCLE



699,638

• 5TH
CYCLE



412,137

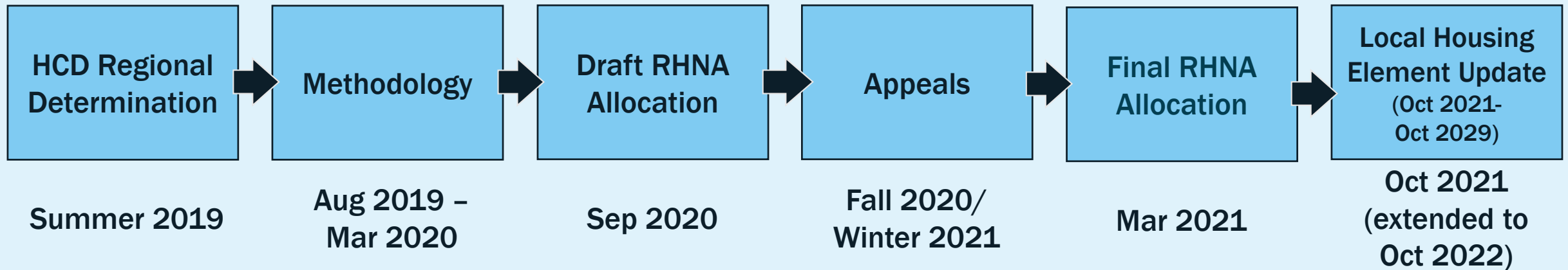
• 6TH
CYCLE



1,341,827

6th Cycle RHNA Timeline

The SCAG 6th Cycle RHNA methodology departed from prior cycles **to connect regional plans & regional needs**



Guiding Principles for RHNA Methodology



“This is about more than just counting housing units: it also carries forward our regional plan for sustainable development, improved mobility, and increased access to jobs, housing, and amenities.”

- Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director

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RHNA Methodology: Allocating 1,341,827 units



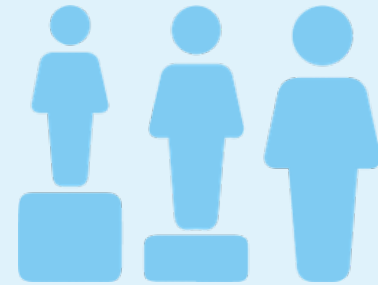
**Share of
household growth**



Job accessibility



Transit accessibility

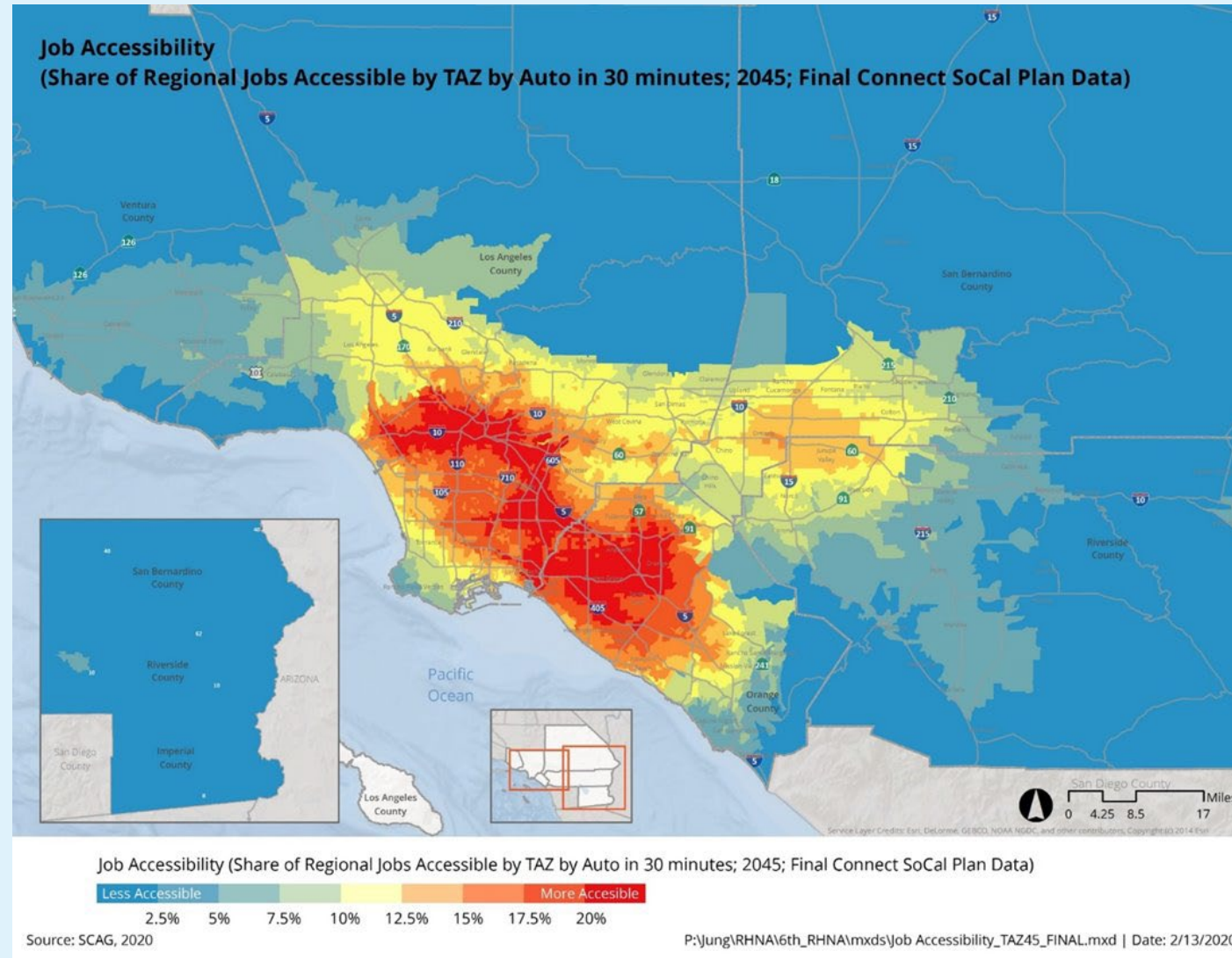


Social equity adjustment

- Household income distribution
- Other indicators of resources: environment, education, economy, etc.

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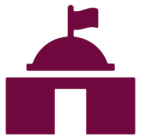
What's in a Housing Element?



Updated every 8 years, requires HCD approval



Data on housing needs, employment trends, and other community statistics



Analysis of development standards to mitigate constraints



List and map of sites where new units can be built



Goals, policies, and programs to help produce and preserve housing of all types



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Why Has Meeting Housing Need Been So Hard?



The 6th RHNA allocation was **MORE THAN TRIPLE** the 5th Cycle



Number of recent **CHANGES TO HOUSING LAW** mid-cycle mean housing elements must demonstrate stronger ability to produce housing



AFFH **GUIDANCE RELEASED IN APRIL 2021 LEAVING SCAG** jurisdictions with **LITTLE TIME TO INTERPRET, ENGAGE COMMUNITIES & PRODUCE COMPLIANT HOUSING ELEMENTS**

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The pandemic meant jurisdictions were short staffed and had urgent priorities such as emergency rental assistance



SB2, LEAP, REAP and 6th cycle housing elements = new funding for housing and land use planning

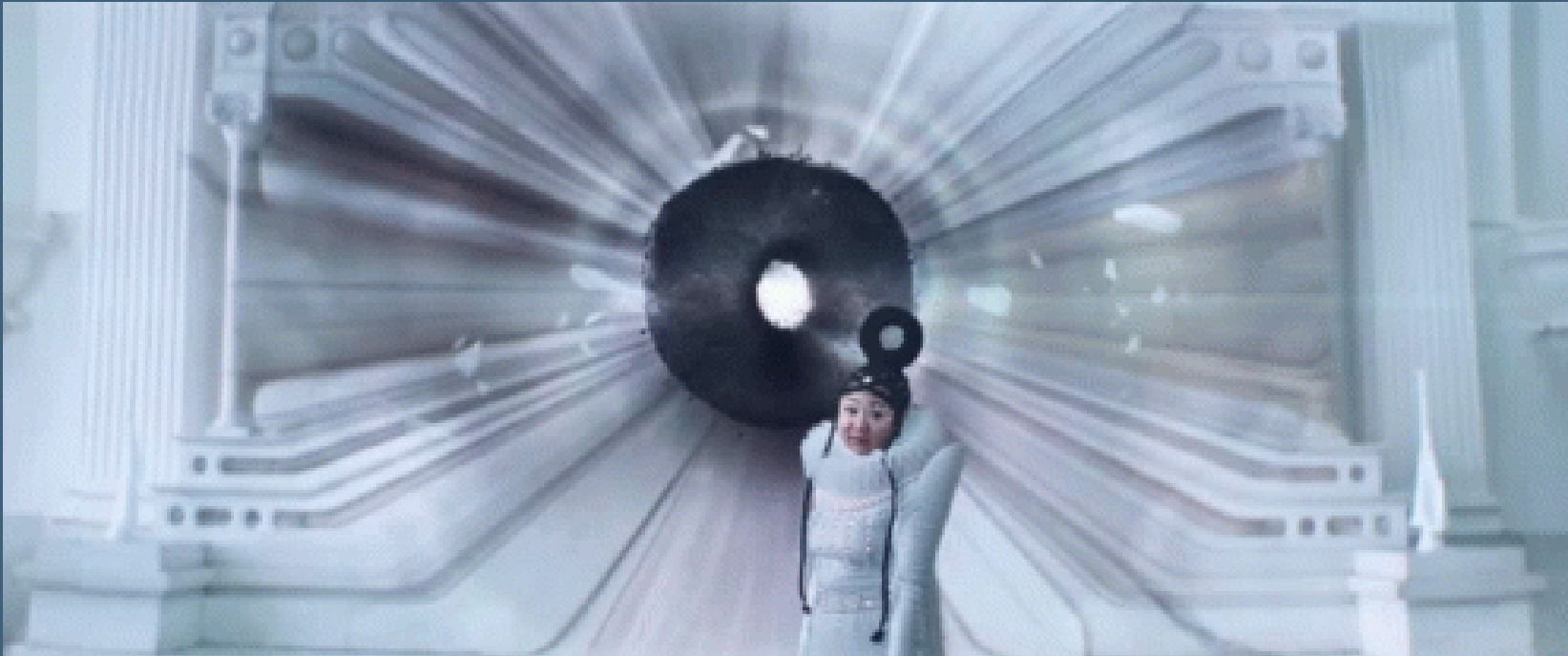


Consultant market was overwhelmed and there have been challenges in procuring consultants to do the work



everywhere

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All these factors have come together at the same time....like an Everything Bagel!

Balance is Needed

COMPLIANCE

LACK OF COMPLIANCE

78

of our jurisdictions
meeting the
**FULL COMPLIANCE
REQUIREMENT**

Continual
BACK AND FORTH
with the State to
prove compliance

**LESS ABILITY
TO SECURE
FUNDING**
for housing





THANK YOU!
