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Casden Real Estate Economics Forecast

Current View of the Economy



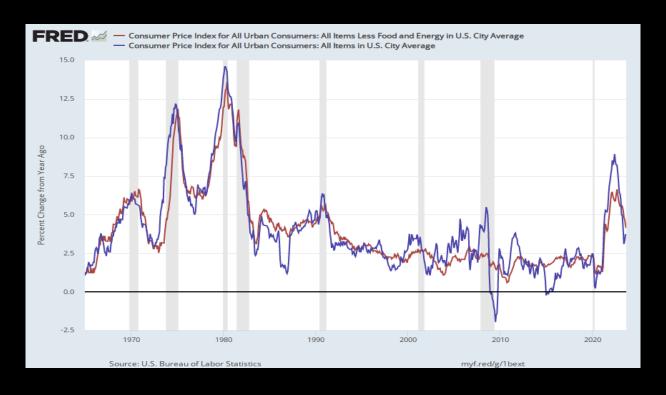
Good News: The Economy Is Going Strong!

- Third-quarter real GDP growth was an astronomical 4.9%.
 - This was the highest since the end of the recession.
 - It is more than double the 2nd-quarter GDP growth of 2.1%.
- The economy created 150,000 new jobs in October, after adding 336,000 jobs in September.
 - But the October job number was below the 12-month average job gain.
- The unemployment rate has remained below 4%.
 - Unemployment has been at a 50-year low!



Bad News: The Economy Is Not Cooling Down

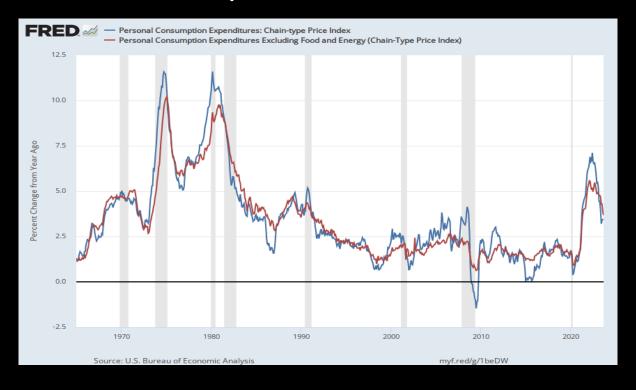
• The Consumer Price Index (CPI) - 3.7% in October, with the Core CPI at 4.1%.





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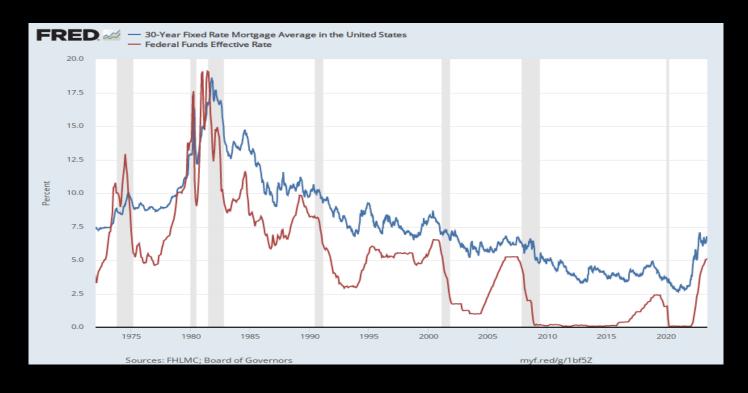
• Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) indicators were only 0.3% lower than their CPI counterparts.





Bad News: The Economy is Not Cooling Down

• Interest Rates are at a 20-year high. But the previous long period of low interest rates was unusual.





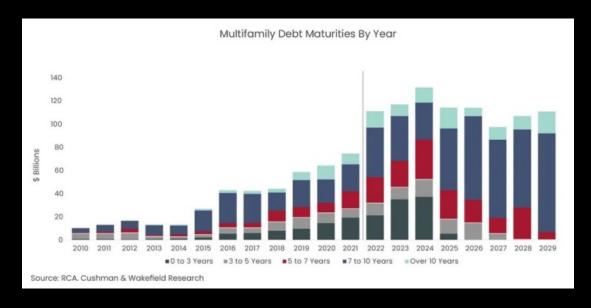
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- The Federal Reserve has decided to leave the Federal funds rate unchanged for now.
- The question is how much pain is the Federal Reserve willing to inflict on the economy to bring inflation down to 2%.
 - The additional/continued monetary tightening will not be painless.
- Chairman Powell has indicated that monetary policy is likely to remain restrictive for a while.
 - CRE investors have to <u>adapt to high interest rates</u>; <u>no relief in sight yet!</u>



A Tsunami of Maturing Debt

• \$2.7 trillion of CRE loans are expected to mature by 2027, including about \$100 billion of multifamily loans annually.



• High interest rates will severely limit the amount of refinancing available.

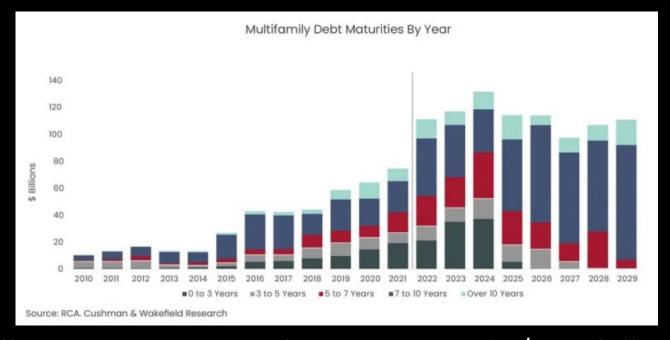


A Simple Refinancing Simulation

Loan Vintage	2020	2018	2016	2013
Term (years)	3	5	7	10
Spread (Bps over 10-year Treasury)	300	300	300	300
10-Year Treasury Rate at origination	0.93	2.69	2.45	3.04
Original Interest Rate	<i>3.93</i>	5.69	<i>5.45</i>	6.04
Current 10-year Treasury	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Refinancing Rate (assuming same spread)	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
30-Year Amortization Loans				
Increase in Debt Service	55%	27%	30%	22%
Required Annual Rent Growth	16%	5%	4%	2%
Interest-Only Loans				
Increase in Debt Service	104%	41%	47%	32%
Required Annual Rent Growth	27%	7 %	6%	3%
Change in RCA CPPI (September 2023)	17%	33%	68%	121%



A Tsunami of Maturing Debt



- The wave will crest next year with approximately \$130 billion of multifamily loans due for refinancing.
- About \$80 billion with maturities of 7 years or less will be most impacted.



Surging Operating Expenses

- Property owners face higher operating expenses due to inflation and increasing insurance premiums in some areas.
- Operating expenses increased by 6 to 20% in the 50 major multifamily markets between 2021 and 2022 (Trepp).
 - Rent growth was 6.2% in 2022 and 2.1% in the first eight months of this year (Yardi Matrix).
 - We expect rent to grow by 2% to 3.5% over the next 2 years in SoCal.
- Insurance was a major contributor to higher operating expenses.
 - Multifamily insurance premiums went up by 14% in 2022 (Trepp).



Surging Operating Expenses

- The most affected MSAs are in Southern states (Florida, Texas, and Louisiana).
 - However, the Inland Empire (Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario) has also experienced higher insurance premiums.
- In addition to more devastating wildfires, SoCal is experiencing more rains and flooding.
 - Some insurance companies have stopped writing new policies in California and may exit the market.

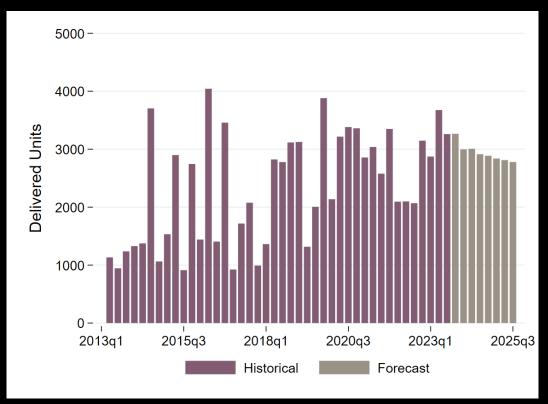


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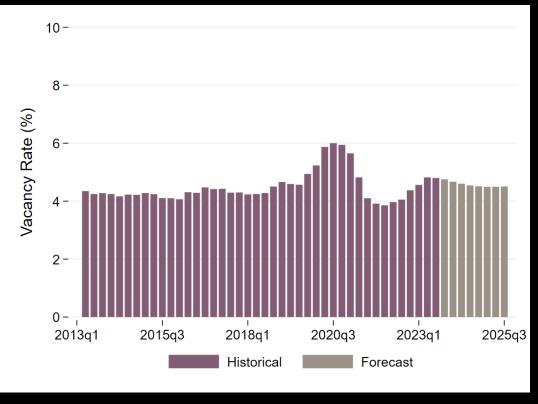


Los Angeles County

Delivered Units



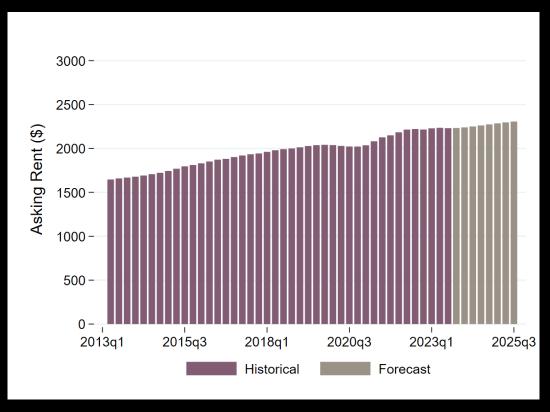
Vacancy Rate



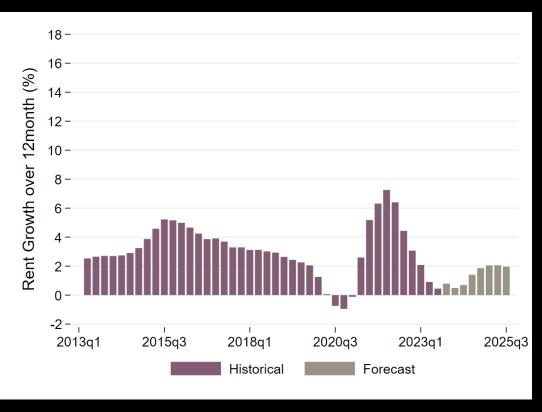


Los Angeles County

Rent



Rent Growth





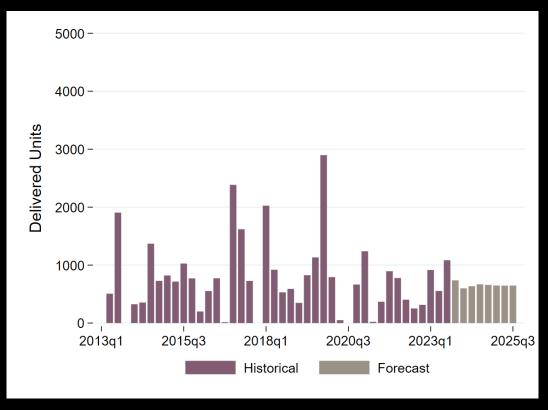
Los Angeles Submarkets

- High Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Palmdale-Lancaster
 - Inglewood
 - Coastal Communities- Beverly Hills
- Low Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Downtown LA
 - Burbank and Glendale
 - Hollywood-Studio City

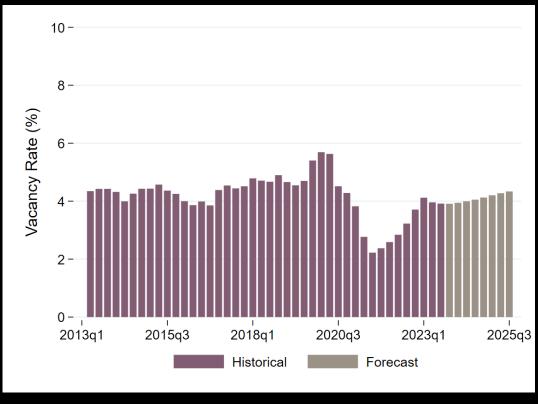


Orange County

Delivered Units



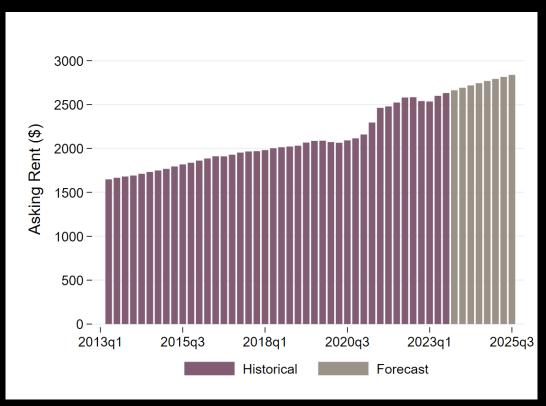
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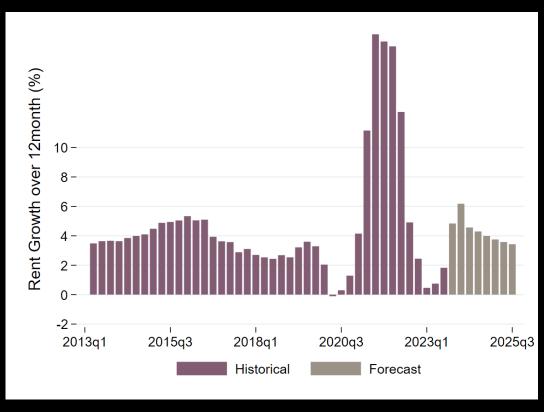


Orange County

Rent



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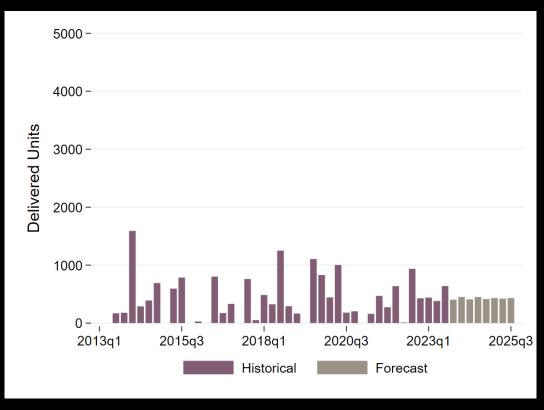
Orange County Submarkets

- High Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Anaheim Santa Ana
- Low Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Costal Communities
 - Irvine-Tustin-Mission Viejo
 - North County

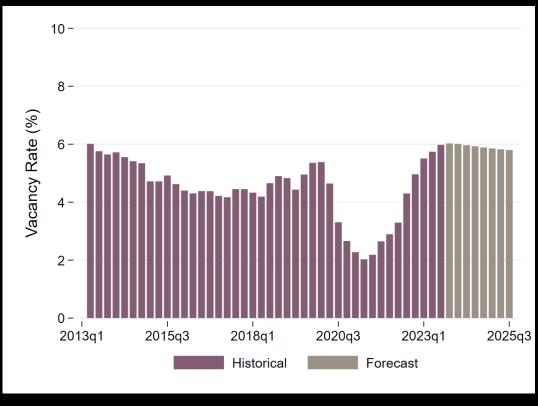


Inland Empire

Delivered Units



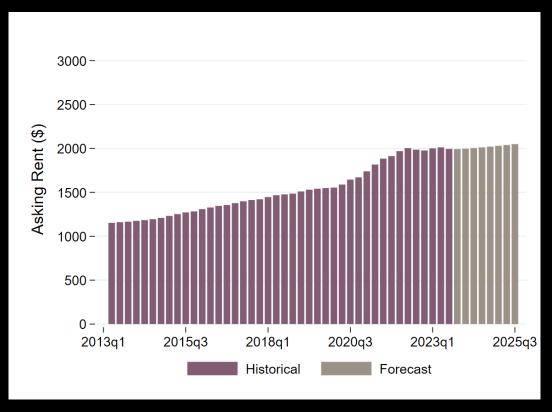
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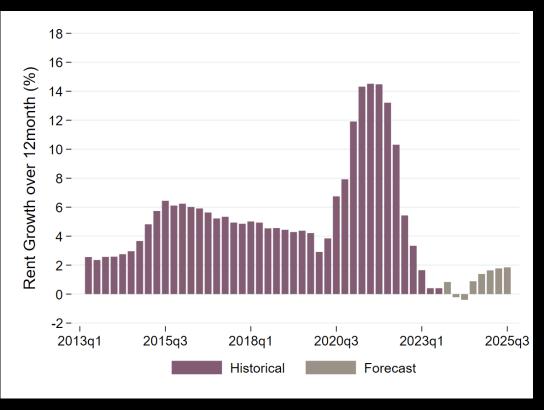


Inland Empire

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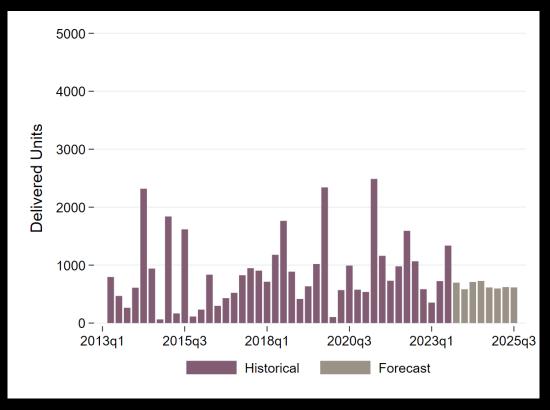
Inland Empire Submarkets

- High Rent Growth Submarkets
 - West Riverside County
 - Chino-Rancho Cucamonga
- Low Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Palm Springs-Indio (slightly negative rent growth)
 - Outlying San Bernardino

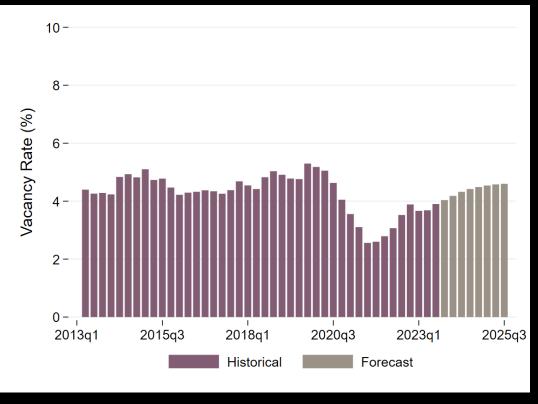


San Diego County

Delivered Units



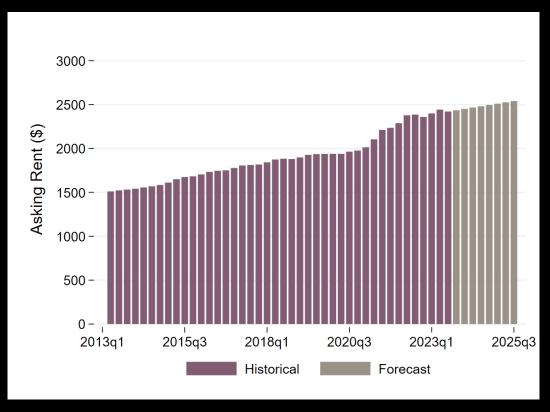
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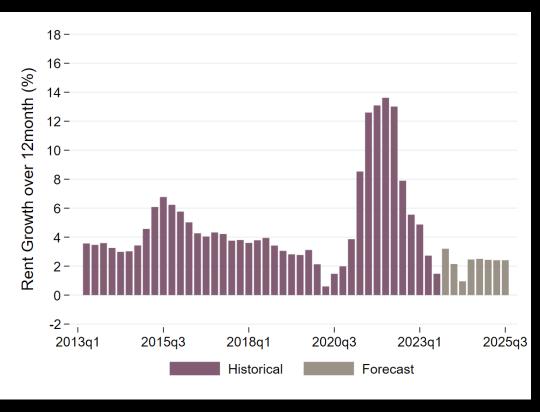


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Rent Growth





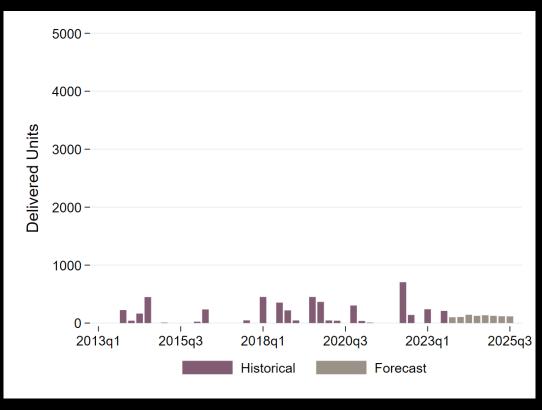
San Diego Submarkets

- High Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Chula Vista-National City
 - City of San Diego-Inland
- Low Rent Growth Submarkets
 - City of San Diego-Coastal

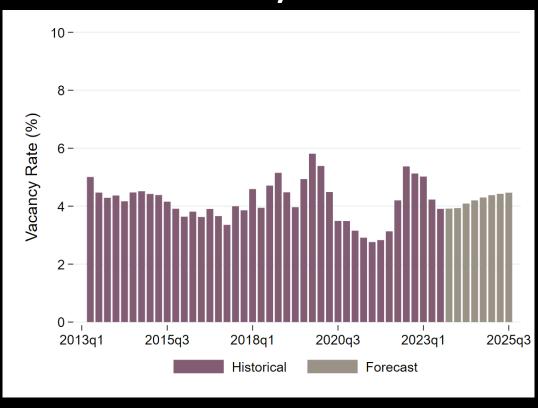


Ventura County

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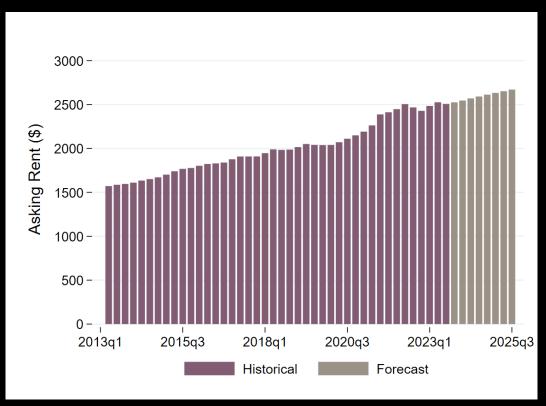
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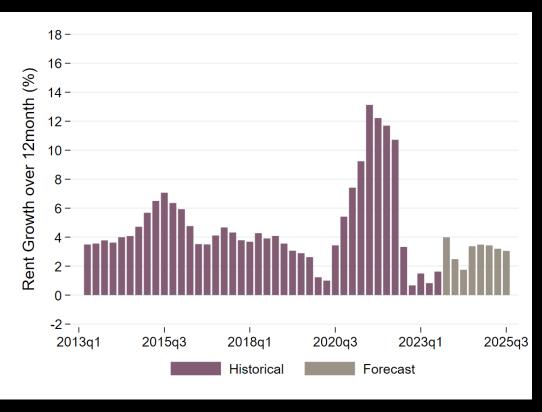


Ventura County

Rent



Rent Growth





Ventura Submarkets

- High Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Camarillo-Moorpark-Newbury Park
 - Ventura
 - Oxnard- Port Hueneme
- Low Rent Growth Submarkets
 - Simi Valley- Thousand Oaks
 - Outlying Ventura County



Conclusion

- Rent growth is expected to resume but at a much slower rate than during the pandemic.
- High interest rates have stymied development, thus laying the foundation for further rent growth.
- Higher financing costs and operating expenses will reduce property owners' ability to save cash and refinance existing loans.
- To improve housing affordability and slow down outmigration, Los Angeles County needs to build more housing.

