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Valerie Jenness, Ph.D.

invites you to join the release
and discussion of the

METROPOLITAN FUTURES INITIATIVE SECOND REGIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast provided

Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building
Ground Floor, Room 1517, Irvine, California 92697

Parking will be \$10 in the Social Sciences
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Corner of Campus Drive and Stanford

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The Metropolitan Futures Initiative provides an interdisciplinary perspective on issues — including jobs, home values, land use, crime and the economy — that are shaping the Southern California landscape of tomorrow.

Among many other facts, the Second Regional Progress Report of the Metropolitan Futures Initiative tells us that:

- Single-family housing continued to grow from 1993 to 2005, increasing 15 percent (in terms of acres), which matched regional population growth.
- Higher density appeared to increase home values. Higher population density, more retail land use, and greater walkability in the neighborhood increased loan amounts and sales prices over time.
- Whereas 'Mixed Developed' areas increased by more than 50% between 1993 and 2005, this growth rate in Orange and Riverside counties outpaced Los Angeles.
- Parks, especially bigger parks, have a positive effect on home values: a 5-kilometer park increases sales prices 2.4% and home loan values 3.4% more than if the park is 0.5 kilometers.
- Parks also have a positive effect on jobs growth: closeness to a park increases retail jobs, and the larger size of a park increases white collar jobs.
- A large number of white collar jobs in the nearby areas will increase the growth in retail jobs 14.6%.

