## HCM Property Management Monthly Newsletter - May 2025



### **Southern California Rental Market Snapshot**

The rental landscape in Southern California continues to evolve. Here's what you need to know:

**Average Rent:** As of May 2025, the average rent in California stands at \$2,790, which is approximately 33% higher than the national average.

**Rent Growth:** Los Angeles County has experienced a 23% increase in median rent over the past four years, with a notable 11% rise in 2024 alone.

**Vacancy Rates:** The vacancy rate in Los Angeles County is currently at 5.40%, with a projected decrease to 4.45% by July 2026, indicating a tightening market

**Insight:** The demand for rental properties remains strong, especially for well-maintained units. Ensuring your property is in top condition can help attract quality tenants and command competitive rents.



## **Legislative Updates: Staying Compliant in 2025**

California has introduced several legislative changes impacting landlords and property managers:

**AB 2493 – Rental Application Screening Fees**: Landlords must now choose between processing applications on a first-come, first-qualified basis or refunding screening fees to denied applicants within 7 to 30 days.

**Rent Increase Regulations:** In 2025, rent increases are capped at 5% plus the local rate of inflation, not to exceed a total of 10%, ensuring affordability while allowing for necessary adjustments.

**Action**: Review your current practices to ensure compliance with these new regulations. **Our team is here to assist you in navigating these changes.** 

## HCMPM Featured Listings













### **Maintenance Tips: Preparing for the Summer Months**

As we approach the warmer season, consider the following maintenance tasks to keep your property in optimal condition:

**HVAC System Check:** Ensure air conditioning units are serviced and functioning efficiently.

**Landscaping:** Trim overgrown vegetation and ensure irrigation systems are working properly to maintain curb appeal and prevent potential fire hazards.

**Pest Control:** Schedule inspections to prevent infestations that are common during warmer months.

**Reminder.** Proactive maintenance not only preserves property value but also enhances tenant satisfaction and retention.



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