



## **About HURMBA**

The Historic Unreinforced Masonry Building Association was established in San Bernardino, California in 2014. HURMBA is a **Non-Profit Organization** governed by a Board of Directors which works closely with organizations such as the California Office of Historical Preservation to benefit the people of San Bernardino and other Cities. The Officers and Board members are a diverse group of volunteers who share a passion for the helping the communities of California.

## **Mission Statement**

HURMBA is a non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the economy by bringing businesses and jobs back to disadvantaged areas. Our goal is to convert vacant buildings into thriving businesses by enabling building owners to obtain occupancy permits from the City. Many buildings in Southern California contain Unreinforced Masonry (URM) which is unstable in the event of an earthquake and must be reinforced to ensure seismic safety and compliance with City regulations. We are developing a **Roadmap** which teaches owners how to obtain funding, work closely with the City, and successfully complete a retrofit operation on their buildings. Our step-by-step guide sheds light on an otherwise complex and expensive process and will actualize a new standard of earthquake safety in Southern California. By enabling currently vacant buildings to house new businesses, HURMBA will help refuel economies of many communities.

## **The Goals of HURMBA**

- Develop our **URM-to-Occupancy-Permit Roadmap** by taking several buildings through the process of obtaining funding, completing retrofit operations, and working closely with the City.
- Cultivate synergies between sister non-profit organizations so as to form a web of support for disadvantaged communities where elderly and minority people currently struggle to create a favorable economic climate for their businesses to flourish.
- Fight legislation which allows URM buildings to be sold without informing the Buyer of the presence of URM and costs necessary to obtain an occupancy permit.

## **Join HURMBA and Enjoy the Following Benefits**

*Let us remove your headache and help you transform your URM building into a profitable rental property!*

- Learn how to fund and streamline your path to getting an occupancy permit
- Get access to reliable and accredited contractors to help you with your retrofit needs
- Join a network comprising City officials, lawyers, architects, and engineers who can answer all your questions
- Become part of a community with a voice for improving legislation protecting and promoting your interests!

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