

Sacramento Housing Alliance

Affordable Housing Fact Sheet

City of Sacramento



The Crisis

The tools needed to build quality affordable homes for our communities are rapidly vanishing! With resources drying up, the goal of increasing the self-sufficiency of all Sacramentans is becoming increasingly difficult.

Affordable homes offer low-income individuals and families opportunities to access safe and quality places to live, sleep, eat, learn and play. However, everyday we learn that more of the funding and tools used to build affordable homes are disappearing.

Recently, the state eliminated our major local funding source for building affordable homes. Also, local requirements that 15% of all new developments include affordable homes is on the chopping block. And, homes with supportive services for people who are homeless are no longer being built.

As rents are rising we must hold our elected leaders accountable to ensure that every member of our community has a safe and affordable home.

The Need

- **Nearly 90,000 or 51%** of city households live in rental homes.
- **54% of city renters are overburdened by housing costs** and cannot afford an average 2-bedroom apartment in the city.
- **9,200 city homes are overcrowded** as families double up and live in unsafe conditions.
- **50,000 Sacramentans** applied for affordable housing vouchers and **only 3,000** made it on the waitlist.
- **The city must develop over 8,400 affordable homes** needed to satisfy future affordable housing demands by 2020.
- **By 2030 the number of seniors will grow 125%.** Many seniors live on fixed incomes and lack affordable housing options.
- **25,000 Sacramentans have independent living difficulty** that make finding accessible affordable homes even harder.
- **Over 2,078** city students (K-12) are not sure where they will go home to each night.



Join the Fight and Hold Your Local Leaders Accountable

This summer marks the last chance in 8 years that you can influence the City of Sacramento's housing plan called the *Housing Element*. **The planning process includes an important opportunity for public engagement before the plan is adopted October, 2013.**

Protecting and increasing access to affordable homes for working families, persons with disabilities, students, veterans and others requires a united voice and constant collaboration.

Together we will work to protect mixed-income housing ordinances, find alternative funding sources, and help decision-makers craft effective responses to this affordable housing crisis.

We need your involvement now in our fight to protect affordable homes!

Get Involved Now!

This is your time to act and promote a shared vision for a more inclusive community.

- Sign up for Action Alerts at www.sachousingalliance.org
- Write to your local elected leaders and discuss housing concerns with your community
- Participate with the Housing Alliance in public hearings

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