

Increasingly, our neighbors, friends and loved ones are making decisions that no one should ever have to make to pay rent – like going without medical and dental care, nutritious foods, and adequate child care.

We must hold our elected leaders accountable to ensure that every member of our community has a safe and affordable place to live, sleep, eat, learn, play and call home.

Did You Know?

- **Rents are rising** – Rental prices are going up in Sacramento and nationally.
- **Sacramentans are struggling to pay rent** – 50,000 of our neighbors applied for just 3,000 spaces on an affordable housing waitlist. The waitlist does not guarantee housing.
- **The average renting Sacramento family earns less than \$35,000 a year** – These are people employed as pharmacy aides, childcare workers, bank tellers, and restaurant cooks. They cannot afford an average 2-bedroom apartment.
- **Families are doubling up in homes and must live in unsafe and overcrowded conditions** – Nearly 24,000 Sacramento area homes are overcrowded.
- **Children living in poverty suffer most** – Over 11,300 Sacramento County school students do not know where they will go home to at night.
- **By 2030, the number of Seniors will grow by 125%** - Many live on fixed incomes with already limited housing options.
- **The state has eliminated our major local source of funding to create affordable homes.**

Get Involved Now! – It will be 8 years before your voice can be heard again on Sacramento area housing planning. **Let's make sure our leaders are listening.**

This is your time to act and promote a shared vision for a more inclusive community. Together we will work to protect affordable housing and help our leaders craft effective responses to this affordable housing crisis.

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

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