

Sacramento Housing Alliance

Affordable Housing Fact Sheet

Sacramento County

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.

Recently, the state eliminated our major local funding source for building affordable homes. Also, Sacramento County's requirement that 15% of all new developments include affordable homes is on the chopping block. Homes with supportive services for people with disabilities and those who are homeless are no longer being built.

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.

As rents continue to rise, we must hold our elected leaders accountable to ensure that safe and affordable homes are built for residents of all income levels.

The Need

- **Nearly 220,000** Sacramento county families live in rental homes.
- **24,000** county homes are overcrowded. The average renting family makes less than \$35,000 a year and cannot afford an average 2-bedroom apartment.
- **Over half** of all renters in the County are overburdened by rental costs they cannot afford.
- **Nearly 50,000** Sacramentans applied for affordable housing vouchers and **only 3,000** made it on the waiting list.
- The county must develop **over 22,400** affordable homes 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.
- **68,200** Sacramentans have independent living difficulty that makes finding accessible affordable housing even harder.
- **Over 11,300** Sacramento County students (K-12) are not sure where they will go home to each night.



Join the Fight & Hold Your Local Leaders Accountable

This spring & summer ***you*** can influence Sacramento County's housing plan called the *Housing Element*. **The planning process includes important opportunities for public input before it is adopted in October, 2013.**

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

**Sacramento Co. General Plan Public Workshop- February 26th at 2:30pm
Supervisor's Chambers
700 'H' Street, Sac 95814**

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 Today!

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 stakeholder meetings & public hearings

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