



COMMUNITY CONGRESS 2018

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Affordable Housing Needs Workshop

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- 1) Introductions and list of affordable housing managed by the center
- 2) What do we need more of?
 - a. Mixed income housing (low and moderate; teachers; families)
 - b. Affordable purchase housing
 - c. Interventions to prevent foreclosure
 - i. Education
 - ii. Advocate to enlarge the City Mortgage Assistance Loan Program
 - iii. 311-type housing hotline for counseling w certified HUD counselors, MEDA HELPS, SFHDC
 - d. Greater integration
- 3) How can BHNC help?
 - a. Hotline to share resources for housing intervention and pre-eviction situations
 - b. Connect seniors to social services counselors
 - c. Inclusiveness for marginalized populations in the community
 - i. Storytelling and supportive events
 - d. Advocate for ballot measures/legislation (state/local) that address housing affordability crisis, eg:
 - i. Organize to get rid of Costa-Hawkins (State legislation from 1995 that prevents cities/counties from applying rent control to units built after 1995; allows landlords to raise the rent as much as they want when a unit becomes vacant.) [Proposition 10 on November 2018 ballot would repeal Costa-Hawkins]
 - ii. Increase SF funding for homelessness [Our City Our Home proposition on November 2018 ballot provides permanent housing]
 - e. Job Training
 - f. Partner with organizations like Cole Hardware to help with home maintenance needs, "Rebuilding Together"
 - g. Connect people with "Home Match" services
 - h. Organize community pressure on market rate developers
- 4) Opportunities
 - a. Labor movement funding in development work
 - b. Safeway and Bank of America parking lots
 - c. Small sites
 - d. Tiny homes

- 5) Obstacles
 - a. Airbnb and market rate housing
 - b. NIMBY
 - c. Need for better communication and marketing
 - d. Anti-community politicians

Note: At the workshop entitled "Lifelong Education for Seniors" workshop, which was a seminar by a city college representative about continuing education, some seniors raised concerns about affordable housing: *Our older neighbors—including those with Section 8 housing vouchers—are being priced out of their homes, and they fear for their future.*