Displacement

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes a range of resources that can help cities, towns, and counties prevent displacement and help renters and homeowners stay in their homes.

Brief: Increasing housing stability for renters and owners

Households that can generally afford their housing costs may be vulnerable to eviction or foreclosure as a result of an unexpected expense or a personal emergency. Causes of instability and displacement beyond high housing costs include household-specific factors like medical crises and job loss, and neighborhood-level factors such as rising housing demand that leads owners of rental properties to sell or repurpose their properties to realize a higher rate of return. This brief describes local housing policies that can help to prevent displacement in these and other scenarios. Read the brief

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Acquisition and operation of moderate-cost rental units
Tax relief/circuit-breaker programs for income-qualified homeowners
Foreclosure prevention programs

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