Gentrification

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes a range of resources that can help cities, towns, and counties protect tenants facing displacement in gentrifying neighborhoods and help lock-in economic diversity over the longer term.

Brief: Increasing housing stability for renters and owners

This brief focuses on policies that are designed specifically to help low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners increase housing stability and avoid involuntary moves. In general, any policy that helps to make housing more affordable to renters or homeowners also helps to support housing stability by increasing households’ ability to meet their monthly housing expenses. Sources of instability include both household-specific factors 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. Read the brief.

Selected local housing policies

- Targeted efforts to create and preserve dedicated affordable housing in resource-rich areas
- Rights of first refusal
- Tax incentives for the maintenance and rehabilitation of unsubsidized affordable rental properties
- Property acquisition funds
- Project-basing of Housing Choice Vouchers
- Inclusionary zoning
- Community land trusts
- Tax increment financing
- Eviction prevention programs
- “Just cause” eviction

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- Explore external resources for gentrification
- Video: What can communities do to make housing markets work again?
- How do you fill the gap in funding for affordable housing?
- Housing Policy Library section: Expanding affordable housing in resource-rich neighborhoods
- Housing Policy Library section: Enhancing renters’ housing stability
- Addressing neighborhood disparities
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