



Affordable Housing

The root cause of our affordable housing crisis is exclusionary zoning. Single-family only zoning from the past excluded Black and Brown people through legal and social means, perpetuating structural racism. Exclusionary zoning artificially limits housing supply, causing prices to skyrocket, and pushing out lower-income families from our city.

We must revise our zoning code to allow multi-family units, promote affordable housing units, and encourage transit-oriented housing. We must support affordable housing developers so they have access to necessary state, federal and/or philanthropic funds to build affordable and deeply affordable housing.

We must protect our tenants to prevent more people from becoming unhoused. Oakland has many residents who own rental units and are good landlords. But we have too many faceless corporate landlords who are not interested in the well-being of their tenants and we have slum landlords who intentionally exploit our most vulnerable.

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