

Equal Housing Opportunities

Existing Policies

Policy 6.3	Safeguard tenants from excessive rent increases.
Policy 9.1	Minimize the hardships of displacement by providing essential relocation services.
Policy 9.2	Offer displaced households the right of first refusal to occupy replacement housing units that are comparable in size, location, cost, and rent control protection.
Policy 8.9	Encourage the provision of new home ownership opportunities through new construction so that increased owner occupancy does not diminish the supply of rental housing.
Policy 8.10	Encourage sufficient and suitable rental housing opportunities and emphasize permanently affordable rental units wherever possible.
Policy 8.2	Employ uniform definitions of affordability that accurately reflect the demographics and housing needs of San Franciscans.
Objective 8	ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.
Policy 8.3	Ensure affirmative marketing of affordable housing.
Policy 8.4	Encourage greater economic integration within housing projects and throughout San Francisco.
Policy 8.5	Prevent housing discrimination.
Policy 8.6	Increase the availability of units suitable for users with supportive housing needs.
Policy 8.7	Eliminate discrimination against households with children.
Policy 8.8	Promote the adaptability and maximum accessibility of residential dwellings for disabled and elderly occupants.
Policy 8.10	Ensure an equitable distribution of quality board and care centers, and adult day care facilities throughout the City.
Objective 9	AVOID OR MITIGATE HARDSHIPS IMPOSED BY DISPLACEMENT
Objective 10	REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AND THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS.
Policy 10.1	Focus efforts on the provision of permanent affordable and service-enriched housing to reduce the need for temporary homeless shelters.

Best Practices

HCD Examples	Use CDBG funds for fair housing enforcement, education, and technical assistance activities.
HCD Examples	Increase or maintain resources to establish and support outreach, public education and community development activities through community based or neighborhood organizations.
HCD Examples	Increase housing choices for households with Section 8 vouchers through affirmative marketing and expanding participating property owners.
SPUR	Senior Housing Task Force -- Given the demographic trend toward an aging population, the City is faced with a particular shortage of senior housing over the coming years. The Senior Housing Task Force is focused on fixing barriers in the various codes – Planning, Building, Fire, and Health – that make it hard to provide senior housing.
Los Angeles Housing Element	Facilitate neighborhood safety through improved development standards which provide for common areas, adequate lighting, clear definition of outdoor spaces, attractive fencing, use of landscaping as a natural barrier and to enhance aesthetic appearance, secure storage areas, and good visual connections.
Seattle Comp Plan	Strive to increase the rate of owner-occupancy of housing over time.
Seattle Comp Plan	Encourage greater ethnic and economic integration of neighborhoods in the city in a manner that does not promote the displacement of existing low-income residents from their communities. Strive to allocate housing subsidy resources in a manner that increases opportunities for low-income households, including ethnic minorities, to choose among neighborhoods throughout the city.
Redmond, WA	Encourage the dispersal of special needs housing throughout the City. Some clustering of special needs housing may be appropriate if proximity to public transportation, medical facilities, or other essential services is necessary.