

Fact Sheet - Livability22202 Housing Working Group Report

Background

Livability22202 has identified housing as a priority goal for the neighborhoods. In 2020, the housing working group wrote and released a report with detailed recommendations on addressing concerns about our neighbors' ability to find and keep their homes. These recommendations are the outcomes of two well attended workshops and feedback from 22202 residents. Find the full report at <http://livability22202.org/livability22202-housing-report-11-12-20/>.

Driving the Concerns, Identified Barriers to Housing in 22202

- The *history of exclusionary zoning* and inadequate long-range planning
- A *lack of political will* from elected and corporate leaders
- *Market forces*—the popularity of our area and development dynamics
- *Policy limitations* on developing supply
- *A lack of resources* to fill diverse housing needs
- *The need for a coalition* to make housing a priority.

Outcomes, Proposed Solutions for Public and Private Actors

Avoiding displacement:

Provide assistance for at-risk renters and owners ♦ Encourage owners and corporate entities to provide affordable housing to a spectrum of individuals ♦ Create state-wide policies to increase affordable rental ♦ Broadly educate about displacement risks.

Developing new and diverse affordable housing:

Encourage partnerships between community organizations and housing developers ♦ Increase funding for Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) ♦ Leverage County policies, including zoning and land purchase ♦ Increase outreach to community leaders, build connections for affordable housing.

Developing new and diverse market rate housing:

Encourage new production along existing and potential retail and transit corridors ♦ Use zoning tools to permit more density, with design elements aligning with neighborhood character and scale ♦ Identify areas within single-family zoning blocks that may be appropriate for multifamily housing ♦ Develop more housing options for seniors ♦ Identify fallow sites or parking lots which could be better used for housing ♦ Modify parking standards that drive up the price of housing.

Building community:

Use county institutions to foster a cross-22202 planning culture across all three civic associations, using SPRCs to address more holistic thinking ♦ Create both physical and digital spaces for community building, including a full-scope community center ♦ Develop policies and processes to better include renters in the community, particularly barriers to information sharing with high-rise residents.