

Misconceptions about Affordable Housing



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Myth or Fact?

Affordable housing has a negative impact on property values

MYTH! Research from the Urban Institute shows that there is a slight increase in property value when the affordable housing development is within 1/16 mile radius of the property. When planned well, these developments are designed to enhance the community and contribute to its overall vibrancy, which can lead to increased property values.

Affordable Housing is Only Government Housing Projects

MYTH! Affordable housing encompasses a wide range of options, including rental assistance, homeownership programs, and partnerships with non-profit organizations. It is not limited to a single model and offers diverse solutions to address housing affordability.

Affordable Housing Only Benefits Low-Income Individuals

MYTH! Affordable housing is a resource that provides stable and secure housing for people from various walks of life, including teachers, nurses, first responders, and young professionals. It ensures that those who contribute to the community's well-being can afford to live where they work.

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Affordable Housing is a Drain on Local Resources

MYTH! Affordable housing can actually be an economic asset for communities. It generates jobs, increases the local tax base, and lessens the demand on local homeless services, thus freeing up resources for other community needs.

Affordable Housing distorts the rental market and reduces quality housing options

MYTH! Rather than reducing quality housing, affordable housing initiatives can incentivize landlords and property owners to maintain and improve the quality of their properties. Many affordable housing programs have strict standards for the quality of housing, which can encourage property owners to invest in renovations and improvements.

Affordable Housing Invests in the Future

FACT! Advocating for affordable housing is an investment in the future of our communities. It ensures that we have resilient, diverse, and thriving neighborhoods for generations to come.

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