

CITY OF OAKLAND HOUSING POLICY
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The City of Oakland is committed to making decent affordable housing available to all of its citizens. While it is recognized that most state and federal housing programs are targeted primarily to very low-income persons, it is the intention of the City of Oakland to include persons with other income levels in its housing programs and developments as well. The following general policies have been adopted as a framework for new housing programs and projects:

- 1) The City of Oakland is committed to improving neighborhoods by providing quality housing that is affordable, attractive and well designed and will become an integral part of the surrounding neighborhoods by focusing community pride and integrating other factors that enhance neighborhood livability, such as improved streetscapes and programs that improve safety and education.
- 2) The City of Oakland will encourage homeownership to the fullest extent feasible while also continuing to encourage the development of a variety of types of housing opportunities for persons not able to attain, or not interested in attaining, traditional homeownership, including rental, work/live housing, cooperative homeownership, and mutual housing.
- 3) In the use of City and/or Redevelopment Agency money and/or regulatory authority, it is the City's policy to avoid concentration of housing for any single income group in a neighborhood, distributed equitably among all Council Districts.
- 4) The City of Oakland will apply for all available state and federal funding sources that will further the availability of decent affordable housing for citizens and will lobby for increased state and federal assistance to ease Oakland's affordable housing crisis.
- 5) The City of Oakland is committed to working to maximize access to private capital investments in housing.
- 6) The City of Oakland is committed to encouraging all jurisdictions in the region to take actions to provide their "fair Share" of regional housing needs for all income groups, especially lower income persons.
- 7) The City of Oakland is committed to addressing effectively the many issues of homelessness, including the provision, to the fullest extent feasible, of emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless persons and permanent housing which is service-enriched for formerly homeless persons.
- 8) The City of Oakland is committed to simplifying and expediting housing development processes.
- 9) The City of Oakland will dedicate available resources to eradicate and prevent blighting conditions and maintain standards to safeguard and preserve the neighborhoods through code compliance.
- 10) The City of Oakland will implement programs that result in the preservation and enhancement of existing housing resources, for livability, affordability and historical continuity.