



Subgroup D: Housing, Workplace, Economic and Transportation Environments
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Brainstorming Ideas and Suggestions (organized by themes/categories)

1. Advocate for affordable housing in Livermore

- There is strong consensus in the group to advocate for increasing the stock of affordable housing in Livermore in order to promote equity and inclusion and create opportunities for “essential workers” to live in the City.
- In order to be advocate successfully, to influence housing policies and practices, address NIMBYism, etc., the group and community needs to be educated and informed (see #2 below).

2. Educate the subgroup and community on housing and related issues

- Conduct a workshop on housing to understand more about housing in Livermore.
- Develop an FAQ for housing.
- Educate on available housing funding sources (e.g. regional, state, federal grants, tax increases and concessions, and other investment sources).
- Educate on history of housing discrimination practices - Review history of Livermore and why it is so white, lack of diversity (e.g. national redlining policies came from Bay Area).
- Educate on the availability of land for affordable housing.
- Educate on inclusionary housing requirement in Livermore.
- Use Chestnut Square Open House to educate on how the challenges to making housing development happen.

- Coordinate education efforts with the Library Board of Livermore Public Library.
- Educate on housing – transportation linkages:
 - Advocate for affordable transportation.
 - Educate on Valley Link (Transportation).<sup>[P]
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 - Housing along with safe routes (walking and biking) to help address the NIMBY accompanying argument about traffic and parking.
 - Include transportation options for future housing development so traffic and parking do not impede development

3. Address equity and inclusion issues with public and private sector organizations

- Hiring and recruitment practices, retaining diverse teachers, staff and essential workers in the schools and other companies and organizations.
- Encourage minority owned businesses.
- Consider instituting a living wage in Livermore.
- I know other cities have been implementing universal basic income especially in Stockton.
- Address the impact of labor agreements with trade unions on housing costs and employment.

Questions and resources for the FAQ and workshop

- Does the city have a long term goal for workforce housing (% of the housing stock)
 - Regional Housing Need and Allotment
- City has proposal from BART to extend services, how will this impact housing available?
- <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/justinphillips/article/California-wants-to-talk-reparations-Let-s-15626293.php>
- Book: *Golden Gates: Fighting for Housing in America* by Conor Doughery
- Book: *Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein

*As much as possible, these notes are taken from statements made by the working group members.