

American Planning Association Policy Principles for the Nation's Housing Crisis

These strategies are intended to break down local, state, federal barriers to more housing choice:

- Remove INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS in zoning codes, funding programs and lending practices;
- Ensure AFFORDABILITY by facilitating the production of housing at all price points;
- Promote DIVERSITY by producing a wide variety of housing types and formats;
- Ensure EQUITY in the distribution of affordable units; and
- Ensure adequate FUNDING from both public and private sources.

Realizing our action agenda will require a concerted effort by all of those in the planning profession to advocate, to engage their legislative officials and to conduct public outreach and education. Planning can deliver homes, places, communities, and opportunity.

APA's Housing Principles were approved by APA's Board of Directors on March 29, 2018.

Six Principles Drive APA's Action Agenda:

- **Modernize State Planning Laws** Update state laws to promote local planning efforts and provide housing resources to solve our most pressing affordability challenges.
- **Reform Local Codes** Modernize codes and rules to respond to the growing need for more housing — no matter the type or cost.
- **Promote Inclusionary Growth** Provide everyone with a fair opportunity to access affordable housing and economic prosperity, while addressing the effects of gentrification.
- **Remove Barriers to Multifamily Housing** Adopt local plans that not only expand family housing choices but also make them easier and more affordable to access.
- **Turn NIMBY Into YIMBY** Transform community engagement and involve everyone in the planning process from the start.
- **Rethink Finance** Promote innovative thinking about how to fund affordable housing in the future.