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# City of Pittsburgh's Affordable Housing Task Force



Deliberative Democracy Forum Series

In just the past five years, many Pittsburgh homeowners, renters, and prospective home buyers have experienced an increase in housing costs.

The Affordable Housing Task Force was formed to address the challenges Pittsburghers are facing today and in the future

This conversation is a critical step in identifying the needs unique to our community.

...the City of Pittsburgh desires to **grow responsibly** in order to build a more **resilient** and **vibrant city** for decades to come...

... the Task Force is **studying** existing **conditions**, **projecting** future **needs**, **evaluating** current **programs and initiatives**, and **studying** nationwide **best practices**

... in order to determine **solutions** to  
approach housing...

# Households in Pittsburgh

**51%** of households **rent**

**49%** of households **own**

# Housing Goals

**Respect** and **stabilize** existing communities.

**Create** quality affordable housing opportunities.

**Maximize** the **impact** of resources by ensuring lasting affordability.

# Policy and program opportunities for discussion

New developments can be responsive to the **diversity of incomes** in the communities they are located in.

Sustain and maintain **currently affordable** housing to stabilize homeownership and rentals.

**Rehabilitate vacant** and **dilapidated housing** to stabilize homeownership and rentals.

# Housing that is Affordable

The ability to pay for housing without becoming cost burdened and having difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and medical care.

## Discussing Affordability

Think to yourself... How much you earn annually? How much is your mortgage or rent? Do you think your housing is affordable?

# Measures of Affordability

The federal government defines cost burden if you spend more than 30% of your gross income on housing.

For example, if you make the AMI of \$40,009 you can “afford” a housing cost (rent + utilities) of \$1,000 per month