



## Affordable Housing/Homelessness

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Objective: To explore and find common ground around what constitutes Affordable Housing and how best to accommodate any community for all who contribute from janitors, police, teachers, to lawyers, doctors and business owners. How does any community exist without adequate housing available for all?

Estimated time: 1.5 hours

### **(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable**

**5 - 10 min.**

#### Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

#### The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

#### Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

#### Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you

permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space**.

### Personal introductions

Please share your name, where you live and tell us something about you we couldn't google, or your favorite food, a show you binge watch, etc.

**\*\*\*Remember to ask to record and PRESS RECORD\*\*\***

#### **(1) Affordable Housing**

**15 - 20 min.**

- When you hear affordable housing...what does that mean?
- Is affordable housing a problem in the United States? Is it a problem in your community?

#### **(2) Homelessness & Affordable Housing**

**15 - 20 min.**

- Is homelessness affected by the lack of affordable housing?
- Who is at risk for becoming homeless?
- What influences one's possibility of becoming homeless?
- Is there a moral obligation to care for the homeless?

#### **(3) Affordable Housing Solutions**

**15 - 20 min.**

- What are some examples of what's worked or what you'd like to see?
- What are the financial pros/cons to managing the affordable housing availability in your community?
- What are the financial pros/cons to helping get the homeless into 'affordable housing'? How best to accomplish this?

#### **(4) Closing Comments**

**5 - 10 min.**

- Do you have any additional comments or questions about affordable housing in general?

### Some pertinent reading:

<https://slate.com/business/2019/05/gentrification-definition-housing-policy-methodology-cities-suburbs.html>

[https://www.wivb.com/news/state/ny-landlords-can-no-longer-discriminate-based-on-income-source/1964846279?fbclid=IwAR1VYWclj-qTWt\\_Ocq-NrTzoMir1XLoiLWAb0gfGZ7lKNgG3dHsx48vd-UY](https://www.wivb.com/news/state/ny-landlords-can-no-longer-discriminate-based-on-income-source/1964846279?fbclid=IwAR1VYWclj-qTWt_Ocq-NrTzoMir1XLoiLWAb0gfGZ7lKNgG3dHsx48vd-UY)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw>

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/cost-crowding-or-commuting-housing-stress-on-the-middle-class/>

<https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/fight-for-affordable-housing.html>

<https://nlihc.org/news/us-has-national-shortage-more-72-million-affordable-available-rental-homes-families-most-need>

<https://www.housingwire.com/articles/40745-top-10-cities-where-low-income-housing-sees-best-performance>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2018/12/20/the-u-s-cities-with-the-most-homeless-people-in-2018-infographic/#4b7060131178>

<https://thetinylife.com/what-is-the-tiny-house-movement/>