Policy Proposals to Prevent Gentrification

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Criteria

Integrate anti-gentrification priorities with other needs

Provide new avenues beyond current policies

Are suited for EPA’s particular housing needs
Case Studies

Burlington, VT
Sunset Park, Brooklyn, NY
Gowanus, Brooklyn, NY
Atlanta, GA
Sunset Park, Brooklyn, NY

Community Organizing

- Led by Mujeres Unidas
- Community ensured maintenance of housing stock and protested rent hikes

Relevance to East Palo Alto

Strong web of community partners
Political support to build lasting solutions
Gowanus, Brooklyn, NY

Environmental Policy

- Superfund designation
- Environmental impact statements

Relevance to East Palo Alto
Brownfield remediation potential
Flooding and climate change
Burlington, VT
Community Land Trusts (CLTs)

- Land leases and conventional rentals
- Permanently take land out of speculative market

*Relevance to East Palo Alto*
Permanent affordability free from private market
Capital reinvestment into needy community
Atlanta, GA
Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives

- A. Buy share
- B. Take loan on share

Wildwood Park Towne Houses
CornerStone Cooperatives Inc.
Board of Directors

ShareCredit
Atlanta, GA
Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives

- Permanent Affordability
- Security of Tenure
- Mobility

Relevance to East Palo Alto
Non-market solution for affordable housing ownership of new developments
Community-directed governance
Lessons

Community organizing precedes policy development

Solutions should emphasize permanence and community control

Non-market based solutions can be scalable
Thank you for listening!