

Richmond Housing Element Highlights

What actions will the City of Richmond take to address housing affordability and equity?

Increase funding for housing priorities, including additional dedicated City of Richmond Housing staff, affordable housing, and anti-displacement services and resources.

Establish a Housing Reparations program:

- Aid long-time Black/African American residents who have been harmed by displacement and/or structural racism.

Develop a Neighborhood and Land Stabilization Program:

- Support property owners maintain their properties to prevent displacement.
- Support affordable housing groups buy vacant and distressed properties to convert to permanently affordable housing.

Design and enact an Equitable Public Land Policy:

- Make public land easily available to nonprofits who will prioritize affordable housing, including interim housing options.

Meet affordable housing goals and needs to promote access to better schools, parks, and other important amenities.

Implement an Opportunity to Purchase ordinance:

- Make more types of at-risk properties available to tenants, communities, and local government to purchase to create and preserve permanently affordable housing.
- Make sure tenants have the resources to take advantage of this program.

Evaluate the creation of Anti-Displacement Zones and study new Anti-Displacement Strategies for low-income tenants & homeowners:

- Target anti-displacement services and resources for displacement vulnerable neighborhoods.
- Expand legal services, housing counseling, outreach and education, and financial assistance for low income tenants and homeowners, including single female-headed households with children who are at the greatest risk of eviction.
- Actively enforce existing laws to prevent landlords from engaging in illegal or discriminatory practices and design new protection policies.

