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It's better for our families and our communities alike when people have affordable choices about where to live.

## BENEFITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### FOR FAMILIES:

### FOR COMMUNITIES:

 <p><b>HEALTH</b></p>	<p>Can afford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Primary health care instead of relying on emergency room visits</li> <li> - Healthy food and medications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Lower Medicaid costs</li> <li> Healthier workforce</li> </ul>
 <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Less risk of changing schools</li> <li> Better academic performance</li> <li> Higher graduation rates</li> </ul>	<p>Classrooms with stable students show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Greater academic achievement</li> <li> - Higher teacher morale</li> </ul>
 <p><b>HOUSING STABILITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Avoid frequent moves</li> <li> Social cohesion</li> <li> Improved mental health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Prevents homelessness:</li> <li> Reduces use of costly social services</li> <li> Improved public health</li> </ul>
 <p><b>ECONOMY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Money left over after paying rent for other life necessities.</li> <li> Can save for future</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Construction of new affordable units generates jobs during construction &amp; ongoing taxes</li> <li> Supply of affordable housing is an asset to potential employers</li> </ul>
 <p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY</b></p>	<p>Housing in high opportunity areas provide better access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> - Amenities like grocers, doctors, and parks</li> <li> - More and better job opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Studies show that affordable housing has a neutral or positive effect on surrounding property values</p> 

"Sources: [The Impacts of Affordable Housing on Health: A Research Summary](#)," Center for housing Policy, 2015. "[Impact of Affordable Housing on Families and Communities: A Review of the Evidence Base](#)," Enterprise, 2014. "[There Doesn't Go the Neighborhood: Low-Income Housing has No Impact on Nearby Housing Values](#)," Trulia, 2016.