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TACKLING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Prepared for : 2018 ULI Housing Summit, Raleigh, NC George McCarthy, President and CEO, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy November 2018

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Agenda

- I. Affordable housing—where does it come from, where does it go?
- II. Protecting and preserving affordable housing
- III. Subsidy—where can we get more?
- IV. Thoughts on Triangle Region
- V. Questions and comments?



My Key Messages

- Affordable housing shortages are stubborn, require creative, coordinated, & committed responses
- You can't build your way out of affordable housing crisis, but you won't get out without building
- Subsidy is necessary to provide affordable housing for many HHs—the real challenge is how to make subsidies smart
- More important to protect your housing market and preserve the AH stock than to build.



Affordable Housing

Where does it come from?

- Production?
 - Subsidized the ironies
 - Inclusionary
- Filtering?
- How do we meet unmet need?
 - ADUS (Land Lines July 2016)

More Cities Say Yes to Granny Apartments, ADUs *EfficientGov*, Nov 7, 2017

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Affordable Housing Is Your Spare Bedroom NYT June 12, 2018



AH: Where does it go?

- 60 % of low-cost units in 1985 lost by 2013 (JCHS, 2018)
 - Permanent removals (27%)
 - Conversions (18%)
 - Upgrading to higher rents (12%)
- 2.5 million units priced <\$800/mo (in real terms) lost between 1990 and 2016 (JCHS, 2018)
- 500k LIHTC units will be lost by 2030



Vancouver's Skyrocketing Housing Prices: Are Mainland Chinese Investors To Blame?

BY PALASH GHOSH

ON 12/17/13 AT 5:04 AM

Wealthy buyers taking advantage of loopholes by putting homes in the name of relatives or corporations

KATHY TOMLINSON

The Globe and Mail | Last updated: Wednesday, Oct. 07, 2015 5:22PM EDT



How much have foreign buyers affected Toronto's housing market?

JILL MAHONEY > JULY 14, 2017

After months of intense speculation about the role of foreign buyers in the Toronto area's overheated real estate market, this week marked an important milestone: the first detailed release of actual data.

But economists and industry watchers who analyzed the Ontario government's numbers came to very different conclusions.

San Jose and Raleigh are Zillow's Hottest Housing Markets for 2018 PR Newswire January 9, 2018

Foreign investors like Seattle real estate.

BY: JEANNE LANG JONES | FROM THE PRINT EDITION | DECEMBER 2013

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While names like Boeing, Microsoft, and Starbucks have helped Seattle build a global brand, the reality for commercial real estate investors has been that Seattle has largely remained a second-tier market for foreign investors. That situation has begun to change as new workers pour into the region and well-known tech giants like Amazon, Google and Facebook expand their operations here to tap local talent. Some 200 companies have moved in or set up operations in the region in the past year.

THE TOP 100 CITIES (BY PROPERTY INVESTMENT) ACCOUNT FOR:

10% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION

• 30% OF THE WORLD'S GDP

76% OF PROPERTY INVESTMENT



Top cities for TOTAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT (national + foreign)

40

50

60

TOWERS OF SECRECY

Stream of Foreign Wealth Flows Elite New York Real Estate

By LOUISE STORY and STEPHANIE SAUL FEB. 7, 2015

In 2014, 54% of sales over \$5 million in Manhattan were to shell companies.



How do we protect AH?

Direct action

- Surcharges on foreign purchase
- **Indirect Action:**
- Permanently affordable housing
 - Shared equity
 - Deed Restricted/Inclusionary
 - Permanently affordable subsidized rental



Measure part of initiative to make one of Canada's most expensive housing markets more affordable for residents after Vancouver enacted similar legislation

In Vancouver, a Housing Frenzy That Even Owners Want to End Facing a crisis of affordability, officials are trying to reduce real estate demand through a package of tax measures, some aimed at foreign buyers.

"The message we have sent the world is, 'Come and buy our real estate, but do not try to make a living here," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at the University of British Columbia. Alana Paterson for The New York Times, June 2, 2018

Vancouver's housing 'bubble' may be finally deflating **City//ev/S** Oct 2, 2018



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- Permanently affordable housing

Singapore is one of this study's few cities whose affordability has improved over the past decade There has been no difference between house price and income growth in Singapore over the last 30 years

UBS Global Real Estate Bubble Index, Sept 2018



Where can we find new subsidy?

Land-Based Revenues:

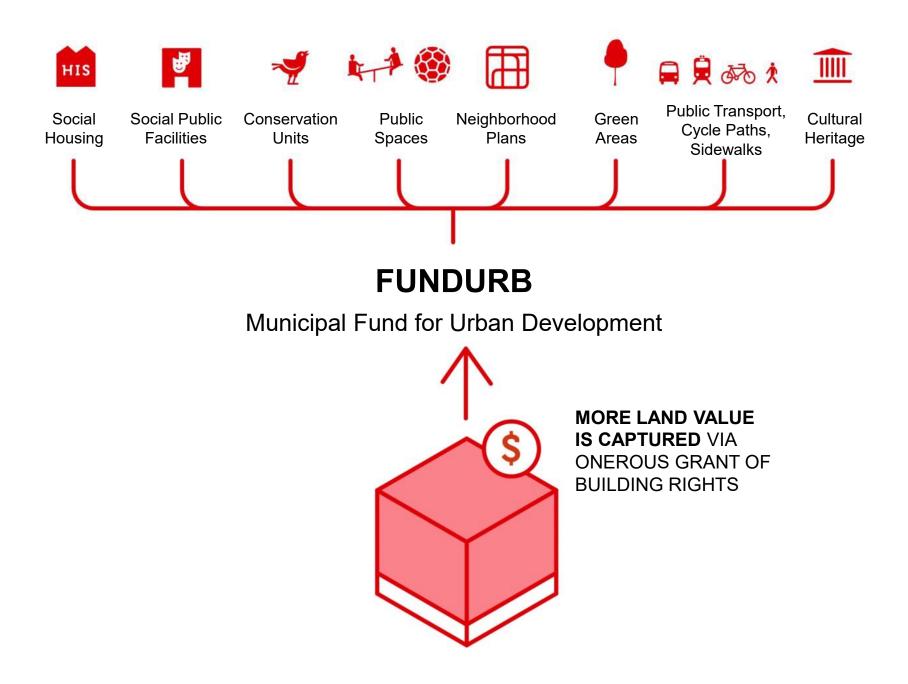
- Inclusionary Zoning
- Special Assessments
- Exactions/Impact Fees
- Sale of Development Rights
- Land Readjustment



International Experience

- Sao Paulo: sale of building rights to finance redevelopment ~\$4 billion in revenues
- Colombia: partial plans finance redevelopment of Fenicia Triangle in Bogota
- Seoul: 50+ self-financed land readjustments redevelop land and produce 500k housing units
- Indonesia: land readjustment used to redevelop Banda Aceh after 2004 tsunami





REVENUES FROM ONEROUS GRANT OF BUILDING RIGHTS, 2014



Source: SMDU Cartographic Base: MDC/SMDU; Emplasa, 2007 Preparation by: SMDU, 2016

FUNDURB'S INVESTMENTS BY SUBPREFECTURE (BOROUGH), 2015

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More than R\$ 30 million From R\$ 10 to 30 million From R\$ 3 to 10 million Up to R\$ 3 million

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Source: SMDU Cartographic Base: MDC/SMDU; Emplasa, 2007 Preparation by: SMDU, 2016

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HABITAT III | MUNICIPALITY OF SÃO PAULO | 2013-2016

The Urban Operation Consortium law allows the concession of additional building potential, under the condition of a counterpart payment (acquisition of CEPACs) The revenue from selling CEPACs must be used to finance **urban interventions and public social facilities within the perimeter of the Urban Operation**.

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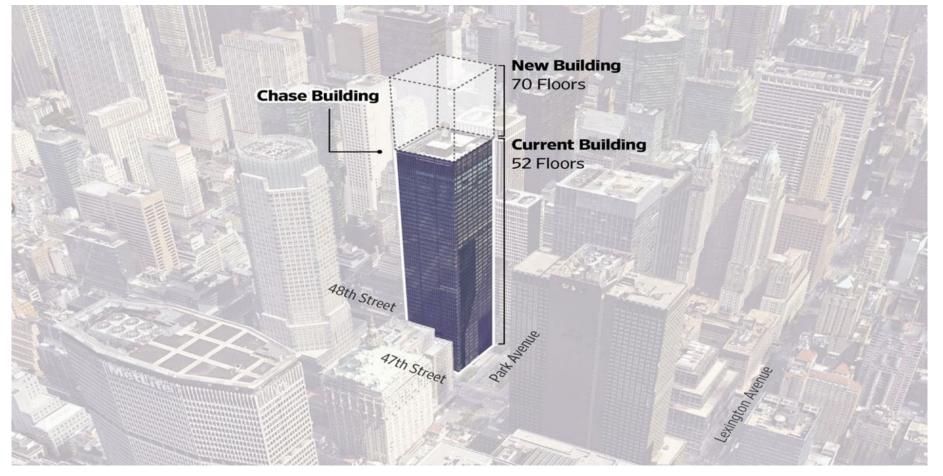
Metro line 17 seen from 15th floor 8 Popula 11

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New York: Transfer of Development Rights



Synopsis: Acquisition of TDRs from landmarked buildings in 78 block zone Select Outcome: Expected Yield for Public Improvement Fund is \$20 million USD

Sources: Photo © Wall Street Journal; TDR Figures Gerald Korngold



San Francisco: Development Impact Fees

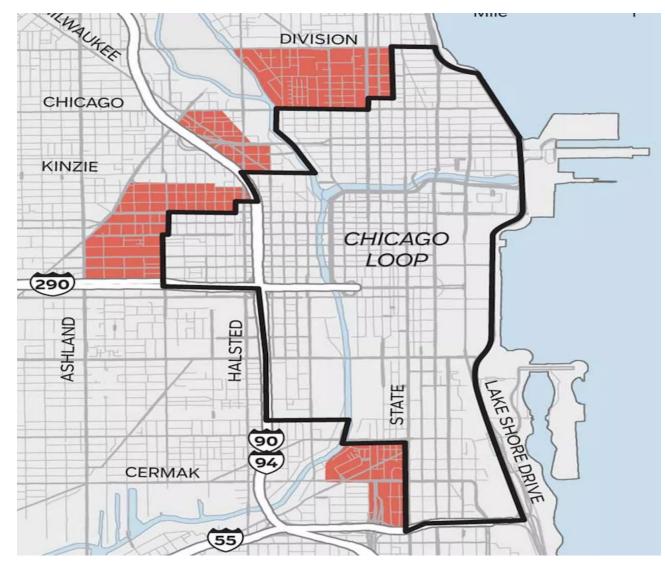


Synopsis: Monetary exactions charged to developers as a condition of development approval **Select Outcome:** Yield for Public Investment - \$423 million USD (FY 13-16)

Sources: Photo © City of San Francisco; Impact Fee Figures Lourdes German & Allison Bernstein; City of San Francisco, FY2014-15 & FY2015-16 Biennial Development Impact Fee Report 28



Chicago: Charges on Building Rights



Synopsis: 2016/2018 zoning amendments enable sale of Floor Area Ratio (via Formula)

Select Outcome: Revenues allow investment in:

- Neighborhood
 Opportunity Fund (80%) underserved
 neighborhoods
- Landmark Fund (10%) restoration of landmarks
- Local Impact Fund (10%)—public improvements within 1 mile of development site

Sources: Photo © City of Chicago; ESRI; Figures City of Chicago; Gerald Korngold



What can be done in Triangle?

- 1. "Make Room" with ADUs, especially manufactured ADUs
- 2. Coordinate transit & affordable housing development
- **3. Adopt mandatory inclusionary zoning**
- 4. Grow subsidy w/charges for development rights and other value recovery tools
- 5. Fight speculators (foreign & domestic)



What can be done in Triangle?

- 6. Protect a growing share of housing stock as permanently affordable
- 7. Preempt local zoning w/regional plan to densify
- 8. Establish urban growth boundaries, AND monitor land & rental markets to decide when to add serviced land



Closing Thoughts?

- There is no simple answer to confront AH problems, but we need:
- **1. Clear analysis of the problem and solutions**
- 2. Public commitment to deal with problem
- **3. Adequate resources**
- 4. The right plan, well implemented
- 5. Look ahead to the future—housing challenges do not need to be permanent problems—but we do have to start now with solutions.

Thank you!

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