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LOTUS GAMPAIGN

A Market-Based Approach To Housing People Experiencing Homelessness



Opportunity for Innovation

- Capital is a tool
- Profit is not a bad word
- Incentivize Behavior
- Leverage Equity



How Does It Work?

- Incent
- Invest
- Advise





"We have been a partner with the Lotus Campaign for almost a year now. At the beginning of the program, I had a lot of questions and hesitations based on my experiences working with various nonprofit organizations, including the financial risk involved and long inspection times.

Our partnership with Lotus has proven to be a valuable one, allowing Ginkgo to expand our reach in helping to house people experiencing homelessness within our communities by greatly reducing that risk, improving inspection times, and helped us develop stronger relationships with the various organizations."

- Josie Nasife, Director of Property Manager, Gingko Residential



"Historically, supportive services agencies have only been able to reduce barriers to housing for individual renters – assisting with paying off old debts, or funding a security deposit....and while these are important, we were still left begging for housing providers to "take a chance" on renters with past evictions, debt, etc. Lotus focuses on attracting housing providers, incentivizing them financially, and removing barriers to accepting renters who would not normally qualify for their units... We are proud of the fact that our families generally graduate from the program qualified to renew their leases on their own – or with 2 years of a positive rental history behind them to apply elsewhere- or to begin the home buying process."

- Elizabeth Kurtz, Chief Housing Officer, Charlotte Family Housing.



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Noni Session

Executive Director East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative





Oakland's first Land & Housing Solidarity fund

Reinvesting Frontline Communities

EB PREC aligns the technical, financial, and organizational inputs necessary to support Black, Indigenous, People of Color and allied communities to cooperatively organize, finance, purchase, and steward properties in Oakland & the East Bay

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EB PREC Organizes for Long-term Change

*Democratically governed *Stewards the EB PREC Mission *Carries out administrative & Technical duties

Staff Owner Collective

Increase Community Access *Community Development Funds *Build Investor Relations *Seek Philanthropic & Supportive Funding

Position Projects for *Community Investment *Impact Investor Lenders *Banks & CDFI' project lending We Host Community Events *Inform Supporters

*Educate Stakeholders *Politically & Civically Activate Community Owners

Communications & Fundraising Support *Democratize Investment *Recruit Investor Owners *Facilitate Community Investment \$1000 @ 1.5% over 10yr term We Organize Support,

Educate & Prepare

Resident Øwners for Ownership

We Build Productive Capacity * Skills & Tools Transfer *Create Addtnl Revenue Streams *Support_Small Business

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We Facilitate *Community Control

* Democratic Governance

*Non Violent Communication

*Collective Leadership

Projects & Properties

*Resident Lease Shares pay for Property Maintenance, Staff & Cost of Capital

Sonja Trauss

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Legalize Affordable Housing Everywhere

a policy proposal for San Francisco



No one is building enough affordable housing



Figure 5 RHNA Percentage Completion Summary by Income Level as of 2017

Source: California Department of Housing and Community Development; Analysis by Beacon Economics.

IN CA AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS APARTMENT HOUSING

Expensive land? High Density Housing!







LEGALIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

Policy proposal:

For non-profit development projects meeting **100%** affordable housing criteria...

Zoning rules will be set to maximize the housing units that can be built in the space available

This is called an affordable housing overlay, and adopts a new set of zoning requirements for projects meeting the affordable housing criteria David Chiu AB 1763:

New Density bonus for 100% Affordable housing within ½ mile of high quality transit, which is most of San Francisco!

- ✓ 7 stories
- ✓ 0" setbacks
- ✓ No limit on frontage width
- ✓ 90% lot coverage
- Rooftop open space
- Density decontrol (form based zoning)
- ✓ Lot mergers permitted

Maximize height and lot coverage to reduce cost / square foot



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Maximizes legal number of limits within constraints of building footprint and minimum unit size.



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Today, adjacent lots cannot be combined, even if the lots are available and meet non-displacement controls. Permitting lot mergers frees up hundreds of new sites for affordable development



Why is this a good idea?

- Non-profit developers will have access to MORE land, that is CHEAPER that means more housing per public dollar!
- Residents of affordable housing (low income people) currently don't have access to all neighborhoods. This is segregation, segregation is bad.
- San Franciscans believe in economic integration, but our laws do not currently reflect that ethic.

Large lots that exist TODAY



Micaela Connery

Founder

The Kelsey





A person relying on SSI would have to pay 120 - 271%of their entire income on rent to afford housing in the Bay Area.



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Less then of adults with IDD rent or own their own home.

of adults with disabilities live at home with a parent or guardian, who are often over the age of 60.

Sources: Technical Assistance Collaborative, National Fair Housing Alliance, CA Department of Developmental Services, Easter Seals





Segregation





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Integration



Inclusion



Adapted from: Think Inclusive education framework

Thriving, inclusive housing where individuals of all abilities, incomes, and backgrounds live, play, and serve communities together.

affordability

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more housing | more inclusion | more community

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inclusivity accessibility





Iliana Niculescu-Roman

Founder DENS





Our network of problems needs a network of solutions

Housing costs Displacement Climate change Mega Commutes Gentrification Construction costs Housing shortage on all levels Getting projects to pencil Suburban sprawl Hazard zones Density near transit Build what people need Aging stock More housing types Tax policy Soaring rents Shrinking labor force Lengthy approval process Undependable timelines Market fluctuations



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- → Sensible density keeps residential feel- compatible in scale with SFRs
- → Activate vacant/underutilized plots in resi & commercial areas that are not attractive to developers
- → Promote community and place making
- → Lower construction costs (structure, scale), can focus on sustainability; can be factory built
- → Address demand/ product market fit: millennials (and more) want to live in urban places.



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Affordable?

We (also) need an alternative development model

Intentional/ client-driven development

Instead of buying: **Owner-occupiers** join groups to acquire land and get professional services for a fee. Development as a service.

Homes at cost + fee.



International examples in other soaring markets

Non-speculative client-driven models emerged in other hot markets to drive down development cost and increase access to home ownership:

- → Germany (~1990s): Baugruppen self financed building groups with local admin support; movement grew organically, banks gradually started to support it.
- → UK (2015-): Right to build Gov't initiative to enable homebuilding for individuals and groups in England, part of set of measures to address housing crisis. Self build Groups get support (allocated land, network of institutions and professionals, financing process).
- → Australia (2014-): Nightingale model hybrid baugruppen-investor model initiated by mission driven professionals; participatory design, transparent financing and capped returns; deed restricted properties to preserve affordability.
- → New Zealand: emerging self-development models in the past few years; organically grown, gained local admin support & advocacy at national level.

Key takeaways: <u>ownership from the onset unlocks affordability</u>, development as a service, owner input, similar challenges to overcome.
Challenges

Land and approvals

- → Mostly SFR zoning
- → Available land can be expensive
- → Approval process time & uncertainty

Financing

→ Securing financing for owner occupied projects

Organizing platform

→ matching market, framework for organizing and roadmap

Benefits

Home owners

- → Total cost decreased
- → Fixed price, no bidding
- → Choose neighbors
- → Get a say in the design

Industry/ Sponsors

- → Shorter project cycles with fixed return
- → De-risked model: approved & committed clients

Community

- → Small infill plots not attractive to others get activated
- → Local companies can deliver projects

Thank you

Support, comments, feedback:

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Karen Coppock

Director

Home Match SF







"With Home Match, I feel like we both benefit — Stella drives me to the grocery store and I cook. We enjoy sharing a meal together!"



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The Golden Girls















Source: https://www.rentjungle.com/average-rent-in-san-francisco-rent-trends



\$1461 Average Social Security benefit





30% live alone speak no/limited English

36% have 1+ disabilities















Home Match – Home Sharing is awesome because:





rent +







High-touch, personalized, free service

- ✓ Screen all candidates
- Match: Compatibility
- Living Together Agreement
- ✓ On-going support



Home Match is a program of a 50 year old non-profit

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





www.covia.org/services/home-match

FOR MORE INFORMATION *Must live, work, or go to school in the county being contacted:*

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