



Policies for Community Investment Without Displacement

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Gentrification

Neighborhood change where a previously low-income neighborhood experiences reinvestment and revitalization, accompanied by increasing home values and/or rents. **Gentrification can be good or bad for a neighborhood, depending on who benefits.**

- Pollack et al. 2010

Displacement

Forced or responsive household relocation following, or in anticipation of, investment in transit and urban cores.

- Adapted from Zuk et al. 2018





The Benefits of Gentrification

How can we ensure current residents benefit from these changes?







Arizona's Housing Affordability Crisis

Low wages, high rents, and a limited housing supply.

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Arizona's Housing Affordability Crisis

National Low Income Housing Coalition Calculations

Arizona's Housing Cost Burden by Income Group in 2017



Affordable and Available Homes Per 100 Renter Households in Arizona in 2017





Source: NLIHC, 2019 (2017 ACS PUMS Tabulations).



Arizona's Legal Landscape

Legal and Political Trends

- Trend 1: Pro-landlord State
- Trend 2: Limited Taxation Tools
- Trend 3: Private Property Rights State
- Trend 4: Strict Policy Prohibitions





City of Phoenix







Methods

Interviews, literature search, and policy review.

Interviewees' General Career Categories		
Category	Quantity	
Academic	3	
City Councilor	3	
Community Advocate	2	
Developer	1	
Local and State Government Staff	5	
Lawyer	4	
Non-Profit Leader	2	











Anti-Displacement Policy Tools

Readers can elect to:

- Zone inclusively
- Empower:
 - Neighborhoods
 - Non-profits
 - Governments
 - The private sector
 - Multi-sector partnerships
- Prevent evictions, protect tenants
- Finance to increase affordability
- Regulate rent
- Monitor the affordable housing supply
- Maintain the affordable housing supply
- Educate and advocate



Product: A Comprehensive Anti-Displacement Policy Table

Feasibility Rankings for Anti-Displacement Policies

Ranking	In AZ?	Could be?
1	Y	—
2	N	Y
3	Ν	М
4	N	Ν
5	N	Ν

- Description
- Feasibility Ranking
- Legal Determinations
- Viability/Improvements
- Challenges/Barriers
- Benefits





Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)

Policy Examples

- Improvements: Federal Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, a state low-income housing tax credit program
- Barriers: Federal requirements, limited funds
- How: Lobbying, reallocating funding, legislation





Policy Information

Exists in Arizona?	Yes
Could exist in Arizona?	
Feasibility Ranking	1





Legal and Mediation Support Expansion for Evictions

Policy Examples

- What: All those facing eviction would receive legal support and mediation services, educates tenants
- Barriers: Limited local capacity, time, and funding
- How: No regulation required, local allocation of funds, direct tenants to existing services

"When tenants have legal representation, average eviction rates drop from 90 percent to 50 percent." (All-In Cities, 2019)

Policy InformationExists in Arizona?NoCould exist in Arizona?YesFeasibility Ranking2







90-Day Notification of Lease Non-Renewal

Policy Examples

- What: 90 days' notice of intention to evict a tenant without a cause, raise rents more than 5%, or not to renew a lease
- Barriers: Arizona House Bill 2115
- How: Coupled services



Policy Information

Exists in Arizona?	No
Could exist in Arizona?	Maybe
Feasibility Ranking	3







Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning

Policy Examples



- Barriers: A.R.S § 9-461.16
 - Residential housing; requirements; fees; prohibition
- How: Major political shift

Could exist in Arizona? Feasibility Ranking



Exists in Arizona?



Policy Information

No

No

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Findings

Health & Equity

- Housing as healthcare
- Location matters
- Tenant protections provide stability and improve health and equity
- Diversify supply
- Equity in all policies







Findings General Policy

- Developers prefer incentives
- Combinations are key
- Be innovative with financial strategies
- Capitalize on political will and collective energy











Number of Policies	per Feasibility Ranking.
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Feasibility Ranking	Number of Policies (% of Total)
1	24 (33%)
2	18 (24%)
3	9 (12%)
4	6 (8%)
5	13 (18%)
N/A (Unknown)	4 (5%)

Implications for Arizona

Key Takeaways

- Focus on:
 - Solidify the State Housing Trust Fund
 - Stronger protections for tenants
 - Equitable engagement
- More optimism and policy options than expected
- Continue bringing partners together
- Unity is important





Thank you!

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