



Affordable Housing

Mobile home parks represent a large inventory of the unofficial affordable housing stock because residents own their homes and are only responsible for paying the space rent. The goal of affordable housing advocates is to bring more parks under the ownership of nonprofits like Mutual Housing California or resident associations.

These purchases assure long term affordability of space rents and prevent displacement of residents because the nonprofit owners are committed to maintaining the use of the parks as affordable mobile home parks. Typically, public subsidies used to help nonprofits purchase the parks come with long term regulatory agreements recorded against the land requiring this use for several decades into the future or in perpetuity.

There is nothing worse for an elderly resident or even a young family than the insecurity of knowing that a park owner can close a park at any time to sell the land for another use. The solution to this insecurity is for our society to acknowledge the importance of mobile home parks as an existing source of affordable housing and to move as many as possible under the control of nonprofits. This will change their status to a PERMANENT source of affordable housing and provide housing security and stability to thousands of households who currently worry about their fates.

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