



**City of Oroville 2022 Housing Element Update
Community Meeting #1: Housing Needs & Issues
Breakout Group Notes
October 20, 2021**

1. What types and sizes of housing are most needed in Oroville?
 - Need for affordable housing, building a fraction of what is needed.
 - Affordable, single-family housing for large households.
 - Cannot find a home to live in. Housing shortage even when given ample time to secure new housing (60 day-notice).

2. If you like where you live now, what features do you enjoy? (e.g. amenities, location, design, social interaction with others)
 - Accessible to recreation, medical centers, grocery stores, and in close proximity to other neighbors.

3. What challenges have you or those you know experienced in your search for housing that fits your needs?
 - Lack of affordable housing/not enough rental units, especially since the Camp Fire and Bear Fire.
 - Increasing rents, issues with habitability/substandard housing.
 - Airbnb is pulling potential available units off the market. Website search shows 152 currently active Airbnb units available for November dates in the City.
 - Interest in building granny flats/accessory dwelling units (ADUs).
 - Opportunity maps can be hurtful for communities because of the way that they are drawn.

4. If you wish to own a home in Oroville but do not currently own one, what is preventing you from owning a home at this time?
 - Difficulty finding the right-sized house in a particular price range, already tenant/renter-occupied. Don't want to displace people.

5. What issues have you encountered in trying to find affordable housing?
- Overcrowded housing for the lowest-income folks/not designed to accommodate that type of living.
 - No homes for sale that were accessible, relied on external agency – Far Northern Regional Center – to do improvements on home. Have a steep driveway that is hard to push a wheelchair up and down.
 - City has rehabilitation program for owner-occupied units (funded by CDBG). Went unfunded for some years and now is funded again and the City is hiring staff.
6. Have you or someone you know encountered discrimination when looking for housing based on things like your race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, immigration or homeless status?
- Experience with a landlord who didn't want to rent to a person with a disability because the landlord thought they would damage doorways/door handles due to their wheelchair.
 - Numerous places refused to accept Section 8 Vouchers (family size, people with disabilities).
 - Income requirements are a barrier (three times the rent for income).