

Here to Stay? Creating a Shared-Understanding of & Policy Agenda to Respond to Displacement in the San Joaquin Valley

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Definitions of Displacement

- “the moving of something from its place or position.” *Oxford Dictionary*.
- “What is displacement? Hard to say, it is a term that doesn’t have a quantitatively measurable definition. Roughly speaking, displacement is the notion that as a city grows new people move in and their need for housing means having to demolish existing units to make room for the new people, and then incumbent residents must move to someplace less desirable.” *Is Housing Displacement For New People, Jobs and Growth Really Happening? Forbes*. August 11, 2016.

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- “. . . [Displacement] is used to describe a household move caused by a landlord action. Such actions include both formal evictions (i.e., due to owner move-in, etc.) as well as actions often characterized as “soft evictions,” such as an untenable raise in rent or landlord harassment.” Displacement in San Mateo County, California: Consequences for Housing, Neighborhoods, Quality of Life, and Health. *Berkeley Institute of Government Studies*. May 2017.
- “. . . [Displacement] is used to describe any involuntary household move caused by a landlord action, which can include such things as unaffordable rent increases or landlord harassment. Displacement disrupts the stability of a household and a neighborhood. It is critical to note, however, that stability is not the absence of mobility; mobility is the ability to choose to stay or to move. Displacement removes that choice.” Displacement in San Mateo County, California: Consequences for Housing, Neighborhoods, Quality of Life, and Health. *Berkeley Institute of Government Studies*. May 2017.

California Housing Cost Facts

- “10 of the nation’s 15 most expensive real estate ZIP codes are in California.”
- “California’s median home list price has exceeded \$600,000—far surpassing the typical cost of a home in New York state and nearly doubling the national number, according to data from the home-buying site Zillow.”
- “. . . the state is also home to five of the 10 major cities with the nation’s lowest percentage of homeowners . . .”
- “California is home to eight of the 13 worst cities for tenants, according to *Forbes*.”

“Priced Out: The Crushing Cost of Living in California” *Capital and Main*. July 24, 2018.

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