



# Housing should make you feel more secure, not less

When factoring in housing costs, **1 in 6** residents is struggling to make ends meet

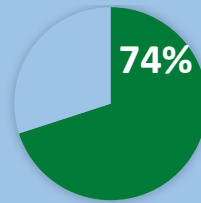


Source: Public Policy Institute of California. "California Poverty by County." 2012-2014.



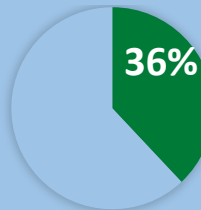
We need to build **30,939** more affordable rental units to meet the need of the lowest income renters

Renters have to earn at least **\$7,667** a month to afford the median rents



of extremely low-income<sup>1</sup> renters spend more than 50% of their income on rent

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of very low income<sup>2</sup> renters spend more than 50% of their income on rent

Because of high housing costs, families have fewer resources for child care, healthcare, food and other essential needs

(1) Extremely low income, earning up to 30% of the median income (\$27,850 for a family of four)

(2) Very low income, earning between 30% - 50% of median income (\$27,850 - \$46,450 for a family of four)

Source: California Housing Partnership Corporation. "Contra Costa County Renters in Crisis: A Call for Action." May 2017.

## High housing costs also contribute to persistent homelessness

In January 2017, **1,607** Contra Costa residents were homeless

Of those individuals:

**57%** were living outdoors

**43%** were in temporary shelters or transitional housing



There were **84** homeless households with children



**99** were veterans

Source: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness. "2017 Point in Time Count." May 2017.

# We can do better than this!

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