Housing should make you feel more secure, not less

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


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

- **74%** of extremely low-income¹ renters spend more than 50% of their income on rent
- **36%** of very low income² 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)

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


We can do better than this!
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