Scaling Solutions to Housing Stabilization

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The mission of the community development function of the Federal Reserve System is to support economic growth and financial stability for low- and moderate-income communities and households.
California house prices back on the rise

FHFA (formerly OFHEO) House Price Index
(2000=100, quarterly)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (formerly OFHEO)
Neighborhood stabilization: concerns over investor purchases of distressed properties

Who Is Buying Properties?—October 2013
U.S. 3 Month Moving Average

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<th>Property Type</th>
<th>Investor</th>
<th>First-Time Homebuyer</th>
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<td>12%</td>
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Source: Campbell/Inside Mortgage Finance HousingPulse Monthly Survey of Real Estate Market Conditions October 2013
Financing for home purchases

Financing for Homebuyers—October 2013
U.S. 3 Month Moving Average

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Consequences of Investor Dominated Recovery

• Constrains the supply of property available for purchase by an owner occupant
• Increases the cost of homeownership beyond middle income buyers and destroys the opportunity for wealth accumulation
• Raises the cost of rental housing to cover financial returns required by investors
• Perpetuates disinvestment, instability and inequality as higher rent payments leak out of neighborhoods to investors
• Discourages social cohesion and personal investment that develops in owner occupied neighborhoods

Most Low-Income Renters in NorCal Cost Burdened

Housing Cost Burdened Renters, 2005-2009

Vallejo
San Jose
Sacramento
Richmond
Oakland
Antioch

Percent Housing Cost Burdened

Renters Under $35,000
All Renters

Housing Cost Burdened Renters, 2008-2012

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Housing Stabilization and Equitable Recovery

1. Provide sustainable modifications that continue homeownership for current occupants; not just alternatives to foreclosure

2. Prioritize owner-occupancy for REOs and short sales

3. Create access to properties that can be managed as long-term affordable rentals to a range of income levels from low to moderate-income

4. Transition vacant properties into productive housing assets
Innovative Responses to Housing Stability

• **Addressing Chronic Homelessness.** LAHD working in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS), has set aside 15 NSP properties, totaling 56 housing units, to provide permanent supportive housing opportunities for homeless individuals with disabilities or chronic health conditions who are frequent users of DHS hospital services.


• **Landlord Entrepreneurship Affordability Program (LEAP)** in Bridgeport, CT. Support LMI buyers to purchase 2 to 4-unit properties as owner occupied landlords.
Innovative Responses to Housing Stability

- **CRA Fund (Applied Residential).** Partnership with National Community Reinvestment Coalition to bridge buyers back into homeownership through Trio lease option with one to five-year leases.

- **Lease Purchase in Phoenix.** Chicanos Por La Causa has converted six renters out of 45 lease purchase contracts into homeowners (Tom.Wilson@cplc.org)

- **Project for Pride in Living** in Minneapolis consolidated multiple properties for recapitalization using LIHTC. Exploring use of technology such as call centers based on UK model.
Scaling through Collective Impact

- Foster relationships and build partnerships that will result in more inventory and access to funding for mission motivated organizations who are committed to creating homeownership, affordable rentals and neighborhood stability.
- Coordinate and harmonize multiple funding streams including capital markets.

**FSG Definition**
1. Common Agenda
2. Shared measurement
3. Mutually reinforcing activities
4. Continuous communication
5. Backbone support
Scaling through Collective Impact

- $$$ Competitively priced/long term capital
- Single source lender (e.g. CDFI)
- Property preference
- Mission motivated buyers, owners & managers
- Local and state government resources
- Subsidies targeting challenged populations
- Partnerships with program & service providers
Property Disposition: Accessing Inventory for Housing Stabilization

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Developing Partnerships Towards Housing Stabilization

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