## SESSION 2: WHERE DOES HOUSING COME FROM?

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Project Area - Excelsior \& Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy

## 4 SESSION LEARNING \& DISCUSSION SERIES

- Session 1: Urban Change \& Displacement
- Session 2: Where Does Housing Come From? Affordability
- Session 3: Design of the Built Environment
- Session 4: Housing Capacity \& Zoning


## Today

- Existing Housing
- Housing Finance
- Market Rate
- Affordable
- Strategies for Housing

Development

## CONTENTS \& AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions - 10 minutes
2 Presentation - 60 minutes
Strategy Discussion - 40 minutes
4 Summary and Next Steps - 5 minutes

## LAST TIME...

Origins of the Housing Crisis:

- Job Growth
- Population Growth
- Wage Growth
- Lagging Housing Production
- Limited Funding for Affordable Housing


## Strategies to Protect Commercial \& <br> Residential Tenants

## Where does housing come from?

- Already Exists
- Built by the Private Market
- Including affordable units!
- Built through Public Subsidy
- Including fees from the private market that build new affordable units


## SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING STOCK

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## SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING STOCK

NON RENT CONTROLLED RENTAL


BMR OWNER-OCCUPIED
1\%

PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL

## MOST HOUSING UNITS IN SAN FRANCISCO WERE BUILT BEFORE 1950.



## HOUSING PRODUCTION HAS ALSO DECLINED IN THE BAY AREA


$\square$ Rest of Bay Area

- San Mateo \& Santa Clara (except San Jose)
$\square$ San Jose
- Marin \& Napa
$\square$ Outer East Bay, Solano, \& Sonoma
- Inner East Bay

San Francisco city
Bay Area 2020 Based on Current Trend

## HOUSING \& THE PRIVATE MARKET

- Most land for housing and commercial uses is owned by private property owners.
- Housing is then built by private developers and owners: individuals \& families, real estate companies, etc.
- In the United States, housing, though a necessity, is treated as a commodity and vehicle for investment.


## MEDIAN YEAR BUILT: 1947




Mission Near Foote, 1915


Alemany \& Foote, 1926


## HOMEOWNERSHIP \& RENTERS

Number of Bedrooms


## MEDIAN LIST PRICES AND RENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTIES



## HOMEOWNERSHIP \& RENTERS

## Owners

Tenure by Household


Excelsior and Outer Mission
San Francisco


## ROLE-PLAY!

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## TODAY'S CAST...IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

(Drum roll please...)


Real estate
developer 2

Architect



General
contractor


City
planner


Bank loan
officer


Property owner


Uncle Steve


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## Scene 1

CHARACTERS

"You won't believe it!..."


Benefits:


Current condition:



Information needed:


ZONING


RENTS IN THE MARKET



Site area: Unit density:
7,200 sq ft $\div \underset{\sim}{600} \mathbf{~ s q u i t}=12$ units

| Pro-forma |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| \# of Units | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| Below Market Rate | 1 |
| Two-bedroom Units | 2 |
| Three-bedroom Units | 1 |
| Maximum height | $\mathbf{4 5}$ feet |
| \# of Stories | Maximum 4 |

## 1 Below Market Rate Unit

3 two + three bedroom units

2 two-bedroom units



## Rent per sq ft: <br> \$1.00

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## Total \# of units:

 12
## Cost per unit: \$100,000

## Total Project Cost:

## \$1,200,000



## Scene 4

## Pro-forma

## CHARACTERS



## Total project cost \$1,200,000

## Requested

 70\% of totalloan/debt project cost

## \$840,000

## Debt service

 (interest rate): $4.5 \% \rightarrow \$ 37,800$ <br> \title{
Cash needed from <br> \title{
Cash needed from equity investors equity investors \$360,000
}

## SCENE <br>  <br> UNDERSTANDING EQUITY WITH UNCLE STEVE



## Equity Investor

## Someone who has access to cash and will invest money into a project hoping to make a return on that money.



## Uncle Steve's <br> Expectations

## Pro-forma

Total return 7\%

## on investment <br> (over 7 years) <br> Annual return <br> on investment <br> \$60,958

## VS.

Developer's

## Reality

## -55,000

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total Cash flow } \\ \text { per year } & \mathbf{\$ 5}, 158\end{array}$


## To be continued...



| Pro-forma |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| \# of Units | 12 |
| Below Market Rate | 1 |
| Two-bedroom Units | 2 |
| Three-bedroom Units | 1 |
| Maximum height | 45 feet |
| \# of Stories | Maximum 4 |
| Rent per sq ft | \$1.00 |
| Cost per unit | \$100,000 |
| Land cost |  |
| Planning Permits |  |
| Finance costs |  |
| General Contractor |  |
| Architect |  |
| Total project cost | \$1,200,000 |
| Gross Income (GI) | \$144,000 |
| Expenses (35\% of GI) | \$50,400 |
| Net operating income | \$93,600 |
| Debt Service (4.5\%) | \$37,800 |
| Cash to Equity Investors (7\%) | \$60,958 |
| Total Cash Flow per year | \$-5,158 |
| Debt (70\%) | \$840,000 |
| Equity contribution (30\%) | \$360,000 |

## ZONING



## WHAT IS ZONING?

## The division of an area into zones, as to restrict the number, scale, and types of buildings and their uses.

## Impact of Zoning

- Each parcel in San Francisco is authorized for certain uses.
- Authorized for everything from Single-Family Home to multifamily buildings
- One use is housing
- Height \& Bulk
- Number of Units



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Why we need to subsidize housing?
- There is a gap between rents that individuals and families can afford to pay and the cost to build and maintain the housing.


## Who is affordable housing for?

$\left.\begin{array}{lllllll} \\ \text { AFFORDABLE RENTS AND SALES PRICES }\end{array}\right]$


Occuption HOUSEKEEPING CLEANER
 AMI (Area Median Income) 50\%


Occupation LANDSCAPER
OR GROUNNS-
KEEPER \$41,000 AMI (Area Aledian income) 60\%


AMI (Area Median income)
$110 \%$

CONSTRUCTION
WORKER

| \$48,000 |
| :---: |

AMI (Area Median income)
$70 \%$


120\%


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\begin{aligned}
& \text { AMI (Area Median Income) } \\
& \text { Category }
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80\%


## EXAMPLE OF WHY WE NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

| Monthly <br> Market <br> Rent | Annual <br> Market <br> Rent | $50 \%$ Area <br> Median <br> Income <br> (or less) | 2-Person <br> Household, <br> Affordable <br> Rent | Annual <br> Affordable <br> Rent | Gap <br> (Annual <br> Market Rent <br> Afordanle <br> Reni) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 4,285$ | $\$ 51,420$ | $\$ 34,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ | $\$ 12,0000$ | $\$ 39,420$ |

Pro-forma from Role Play (above)

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## Affordable Housing Differences from Market Rate

- The rents are so depressed that there is more equity in an affordable project.
- Sources of equity aren't "investors" seeking a return; they are primarily government


## SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

| FEDERAL | STATE | LOCAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low Income Housing Tax Credits | Multi-family Housing Program | Bond |
| Tax Exempt Bonds | State Tax Credit Program | Housing Trust Fund |
| Grants | Various Grant \& Loan Programs | Impact Fees |
| Loans | In-fill Infrastructure Grants | "In-Lieu" Fees or On-Site Inclusionary Units |
| Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) | Farm Worker Housing Program |  |
| Community Development Block Grants | Transit Oriented Development |  |
| HOME | Housing Bond |  |
| Section 202 \& 811 | Mental Health Services Act |  |
|  | No Place Like Home |  |

## HIGH COST OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

- \$1 million of Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) subsidy $=4$ units
- \$250,000-\$350,000 of local subsidy
- Total per unit costs around \$600,000
- So affordable housing developers must still identify more sources of subsidy to build housing.


## MAGNITUDE OF SUBSIDY

- Show how much money will it cost to build 1,000 units of affordable housing?
$-\$ 600,000 \times 1,0000=\$ 600,000,000$
- How much subsidy would MOHCD need?
$-\$ 250,000 \times 1,000=\$ 250,000,000$
- Which would be \% of the City's total housing stock.


## HOUSING PRODUCTION IN SAN FRANCISCO, 1990-2015



From 1990 - 2015 we have produced an average of 500 units of affordable housing a year

## IMAGES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING 1100 OCEAN AVE - MERCY HOUSING



## CROCKER AMAZON SENIOR APT MISSION HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COPR.



## ARMSTRONG SENIOR APTS - $3^{\text {RD }}$ STREET - BRIDGE HOUSING



## NORTH BEACH PLACE - BRIDGE HOUSING




## STRATEGIES

## Strategy

## Constructing more housing units through

(1) subsidy for affordable units, and (2) market-rate developments, (3) leveraging market rate to construct additional affordable.

Develop a strategy and mechanism to increase housing capacity of single family homes (think additions, in-law units, etc.).

Develop a land strategy for the development of $100 \%$ affordable housing.

## How It Helps

By constructing more affordable housing units, tenants can have rental or mortgage prices that match their financial capacity.

Single-family homes can become 2 or 3 family homes with out disrupting the character and fabric of the neighborhood.

Identifying some parcels that can become $100 \%$ affordable housing and working directly with those land owners can help facilitate a process that can take years. Potential locations are parking lots or excess land owned by community-serving organizations and the City.

## STRATEGIES

## Strategy

## How It Helps

Encourage use of density bonus programs, like HOME-SF, State Density Bonus, etc. to build more housing units.

Develop and increase funds dedicated to construction and operation of affordable housing.

Appropriately and responsibly expedite the development of housing

Density bonus programs-which currently exist-could be tweaked to make them more feasible and attractive.

Filling the gap that allows families to afford homes requires funding.

Create a neighborhood specific zoning plan and/or use state law to establish a "Sustainability District" in the neighborhood.

## CONSTRUCTING MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS

## Subsidy of 100\% Affordable

- Uses a variety of sources (tax credits, grants, fees paid by developers) to construct new buildings for low income San Franciscans.
- Through these programs, can serve very-low income individuals and families
- Need subsidy to build and operate.


## Leveraging Market Rate

- When building a new building, developers also build units that serve low and moderate income households
- Required by law to build or pay a fee
- Under HOME-SF, if developers build $30 \%$ below-market-rate (BMR) developers have a 2 additional stories.


## DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MECHANISM TO INCREASE HOUSING CAPACITY OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

## Opportunity

- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Using buildable Envelope to Add Units
- Vertical Addition
- Finishing First Floor
- Allows homeowners to retain property, while providing housing and source of income.
- In many cases, lower cost per unit than new construction.



## DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MECHANISM TO INCREASE HOUSING CAPACITY OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

## Examples of Vertical Additions Maintain Neighborhood Character



## DEVELOP A LAND STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 100\% AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

## Opportunity

- Community-based organizations (such as churches or child care) may have excess space that can become housing (parking lots, etc).
- Can provide some revenue to the organization as well as housing.


## Challenges

- There is a cost to acquiring and holding land.
- Can be risky to acquire land without funding committed to construction.
- Can be challenging to work with multiple parties to develop property.
- "Excess" land is in the eye of the beholder.


## ENCOURAGE USE OF DENSITY, INCLUDING BONUS PROGRAMS, TO BUILD MORE HOUSING UNITS.



Building Envelope
--.-..- Existing Height Limit
$\square$ Commercial and Parking
$\square$ Residential, Under Existing Controls

NC-3
130-E

## 35,000 sf Lot Area

## Density: 1/600 sf

## 60 Units Allowed

- Encouraging density allows more housing to developed on a parcel of land.
- For example, building to the red dotted line instead of the yellow \& blue boxes.


## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF A DENSITY BONUS?



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW



- Mirrors state law
- Applies broadly (even in Area Plans)
- Limited local discretion
- Offers 35\% maximum bonus, incentives and concessions, waivers
- Hybrid program
- Strict eligibility requirements
- Offers $35 \%$ maximum bonus
- Pre-determined menu of incentives, concessions and waivers

HOME-SF


- Strict eligibility requirements
- Requires $30 \%$ on-site affordable
- Offers 2 extra stories and density de-control


# DEVELOP AND INCREASE FUNDS DEDICATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. 

## Some Local Sources

- Housing Bond
- In-lieu fees
- Annual Budget Process



## APPROPRIATELY STREAMLINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING

## Corridor Specific Zoning Plan \& Environmental Review

- Establish specific zoning for the Excelsior \& Outer Mission Neighborhood Commercial District (and project area)
- Complete program level environmental review
- This requires time \& funding


## Sustainability District

- State law allows jurisdictions to establish housing sustainability districts.
- Very similar to a specific plan
- Requires $20 \%$ affordable units w/in the district, and prevailing wage.
- Allows program-level EIR to serve as environmental clearance for projects meeting sustainability district standards.



## FROM 1995 TO 2015 INCOME GREW 3-4 TIMES FASTER THAN EMPLOYMENT OR POPULATION DRIVING UP HOUSING PRICES



## THE REGION ADDED OVER 465K HOUSEHOLDS SINCE 1990

 58\% WERE HIGH INCOME (OVER 200\% OF SF’S MEDIAN)

- Very low Income HHs, especially HHs earning 30\% of AMI or less, increased
- Moderate and middle income HHs ( $80-140 \%$ of AMI) declined regionally
- The \% of higher income HH growth exceeded the \% of HH growth overall in SF and San Mateo


## SINCE 1990, SF GAINED 66K HIGH INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND LOST 3OK LOW \& MIDDLE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS



- High income household growth far exceeded RHNA estimates and "above moderate" unit production bv over 30K
- More high income households housed in existing housing stock
- Low and middle income households declined with greatest loss from $30-80 \%$ of AMI


## GOALS

1 Continue to be a neighborhood where low and moderate income San Franciscans can live.

2 Maintain and build housing stock that can serve existing residents, and welcome diverse new residents.

Develop and enhance the commercial corridor so that it serves working people, while also offering a range of goods and price points.

4 Be a neighborhood where diverse residents and visitors feel welcome and at-home.

5 Promote relationship building and intercultural exchange among the many different neighborhood stakeholders.


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