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Subject: rebuttal to claim that market rate development helps affordability

Hi,

I listened in to last night's GPS meeting. Thank you for your hard work on a difficult task. I wanted to rebut one of the Zoom commenters who, citing UC Berkeley, stated that "trickle down" housing development is good for affordability. Here is a link to a UCB study showing that, in fact, building affordable housing is the best way to insure affordability. (<https://eastbayexpress.com/uc-berkeley-report-affordable-housing-is-best-way-to-combat-gentrification-2-1/>)

Along these lines I am sending along a PDF by the Housing Is A Human Right organization. The book addresses the push throughout California to build, build, build. It is a short booklet that focuses on the gentrification in LA and how many people have been displaced by new development. My concern is that if we don't pay attention we may see similar effects to building in our area.

Thank you,
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