Research shows connection between rent increases and homelessness

$100 rent increase associated with:

- 6% increase in homelessness in metro areas
- 32% increase in homelessness in non-metro areas

Source: Journal of Urban Affairs, New Perspectives on Community-Level Determinants of Homelessness, 2012
People

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• Workforce Housing
• Homebuyers Programs
• Farm worker housing
• Rapid re-housing
• Supportive housing
• Coordination across sectors
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• Hospital supported respite shelter
• Medicaid supportive housing benefit
• Homeless prevention strategies
• Street level outreach
• “Housing First”
Homelessness is a housing affordability problem
Rents growing faster than income

![Graph showing the percentage change in inflation-adjusted rents and income over years from 2006 to 2014.]

Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey one-year estimates; inflation adjusted using the Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U.
Access to Affordable Housing Can Result in...

• Fewer people who are homeless
• Lower costs to the public
• Lower criminal recidivism
• Better behavioral health recovery outcomes
• Better health and education outcomes for children
• Employers wanting to stay or locate here