

More Results for More People, Faster: Funding the 5-Year Comprehensive Housing Plan

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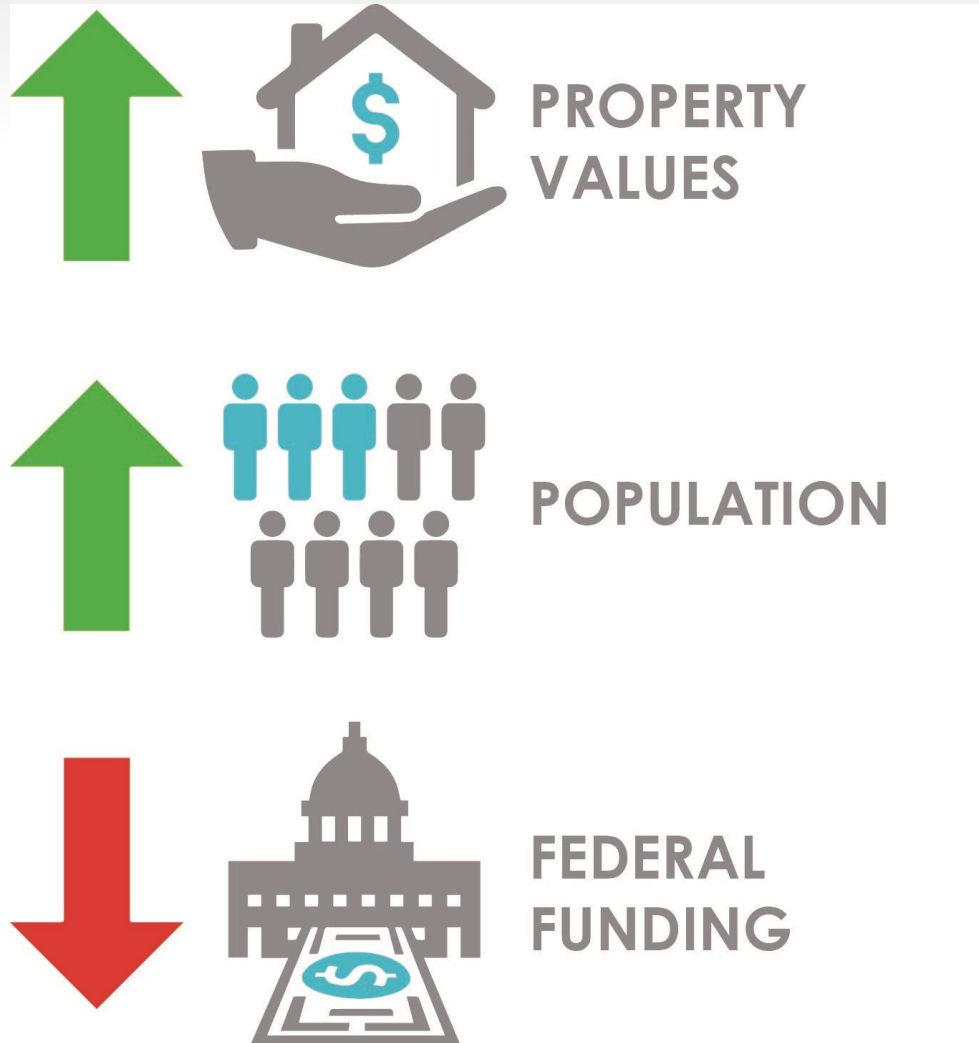
We believe an equitable city where all people have the opportunity to prosper and thrive is within our reach.

Denver's current and future growth must be managed in ways that benefit everyone in every community and neighborhood.

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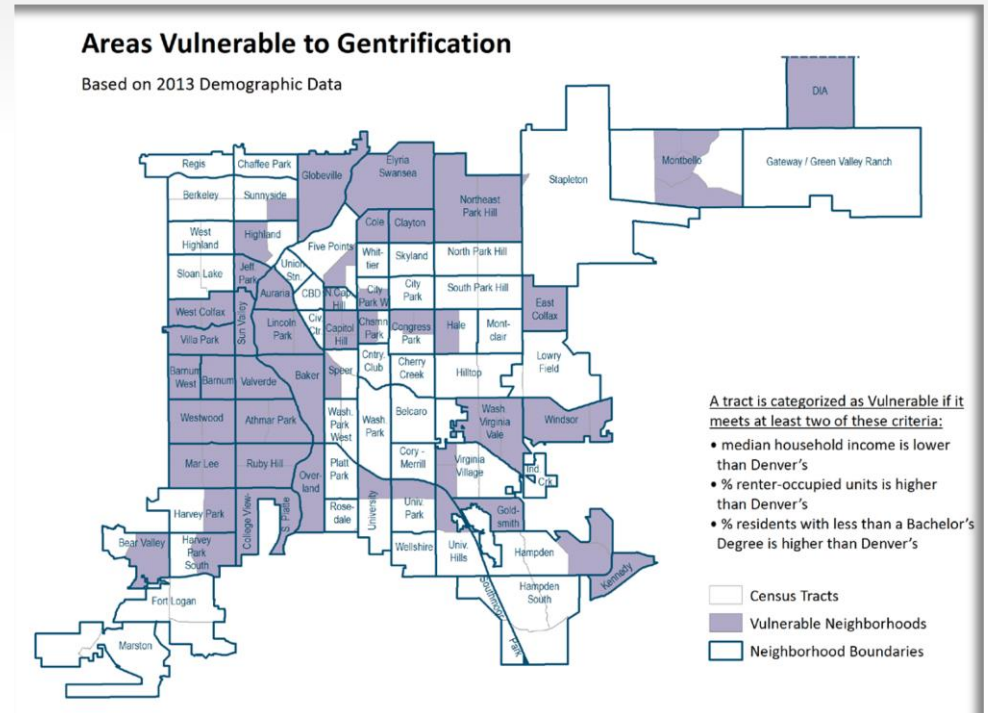
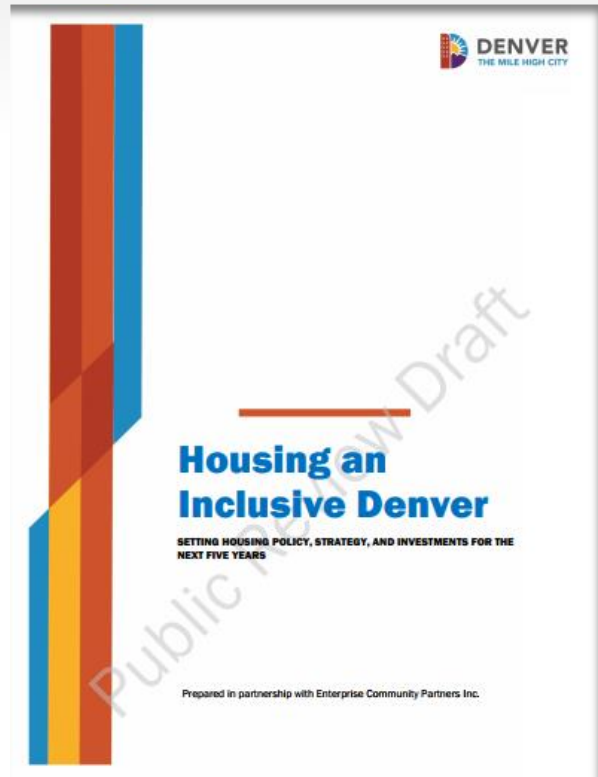
Denver's Context



“Gentrification is not a fluke or an accident. Gentrification is a system that places the needs of capital (both in terms of city budget and in terms of real estate profits) above the needs of people.”

--Peter Moscovitz , *How to Kill a City* (2017)

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Q: Do we have the resources to aggressively implement this plan?

We Should Expand Our Options

(part 1)

Challenge

**Max'ed Out Denver's
Bonding Capacity**

**New Construction w/
Limited Tax Credits**

**Limited Development
Capacity**

Opportunity

**Adequate Capacity Under
Charter**

**Funding a Broader Range
of 5-Year Plan Strategies**

**Flexibility, Leveraging,
Diversity**

We Should Expand Our Options

(part 2)

Challenge

GO Bonds Only for City Assets

Depletes Fund in Later Years

Wait for Market Cycle Downturn

Opportunity

Expand Partners and Options

Urgency is NOW

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Alignment with City Plans & Initiatives



- Focus on social equity
- Retaining Denver's cultural character
- Support residents to stay in their neighborhoods

Inclusive Denver: “Explore Additional Resources”

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Paths Forward: Funding Options

Dedicate additional ½ mill

Bond ½ mill

Bond 1 mill

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Action Step

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ADD: “Given the urgency of our housing crisis, a comprehensive analysis of a housing bond and additional new revenue sources should be initiated as soon as possible. The analysis should come back to the Housing Advisory Committee and City Council no later than February 1, 2018, to allow consideration in the 2018 election cycle.”