

10 Cross-Cutting Lessons from Case Studies: 3 Neighborhoods Mitigating Residential Displacement

1. Make meaningful and robust community engagement of those most affected by displacement a priority in the planning, implementation, and on-going oversight of efforts to mitigate displacement.
2. Develop the capacity of tenants and other vulnerable groups so they can be active participants in community engagement.
3. Intervene early.
4. Anticipate and include strategies for addressing displacement as part of public revitalization strategies and major infrastructure projects.
5. Develop comprehensive, community-driven, neighborhood-level strategies for mitigating displacement of vulnerable populations, with measurable goals and timelines for implementation.
6. Provide substantial levels of city funding dedicated to supporting neighborhood-level strategies for mitigating displacement of vulnerable populations.
7. Remove as much land from market pressures as possible, through mechanisms such as community land trusts, long-term affordability restrictions, and nonprofit and public ownership of land.
8. Develop a network of high capacity organizations to identify, coordinate, and act on opportunities to preserve affordable housing and prevent the displacement of vulnerable populations.
9. Develop realistic expectations of what constitutes success and the time to achieve your goals.
10. Long-term progress on mitigating displacement of vulnerable populations requires on-going support and oversight from elected officials, city staff, and the community.