

All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network

Fighting displacement to build prosperous cities for all

Cities thrive when all people can live in safe, stable, affordable homes in healthy neighborhoods connected to opportunities without fear of displacement. Recent research conducted by PolicyLink and the USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity shows that reducing rent burdens, one of the main causes of displacement, would put \$124 billion back in the pocketbooks of renters to spend in their local communities. But housing costs and displacement pressures are rising across the country, destabilizing families, neighborhoods, and entire cities. In response to this growing crisis, PolicyLink launched the All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network in April 2018. Composed of 64 local leaders from 10 cities across the country, the network is advancing bold new ideas while building the power, voice, and capacity of communities directly impacted by displacement in defining challenges and advancing solutions.

The cities in this network are working toward one bold result: **For low-income people, Indigenous people, marginalized LGBTQ people, and people of color to experience increased housing security and less housing, business, and cultural displacement in their communities.**

Creating impact at scale

Each city in the network is committed to putting policies and systems in place that will lead to positive changes in at least one of these indicators over the next two to five years:

- ↑ Increased number of low-income people and people of color who are in long-term affordable homes.
- ↑ Increase in business and home ownership by people of color.
- ↑ Increased political participation of people from communities impacted by displacement, including increasing public resources for impacted communities to build power and increase impact in decision-making and political spheres.
- ↓ Reduction in evictions and foreclosures.
- ↓ Reduction in people who are unhoused.
- ↓ Reduction in displacement of local businesses owned by people of color.
- ↓ Reduction in cultural displacement.
- ↓ Reduction in housing-cost burdens, particularly for women, people of color, Indigenous women, marginalized LGBTQ people, and women of color who are most burdened.

Who is a part of the network?

The 10 cities in the network were selected through a competitive application process. The cities are:

1. **Austin, Texas**
2. **Boston, Massachusetts**
3. **Buffalo, New York**
4. **Denver, Colorado**
5. **Nashville, Tennessee**
6. **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
7. **Portland, Oregon**
8. **San José, California**
9. **Santa Fe, New Mexico**
10. **Twin Cities, Minnesota (Minneapolis and Saint Paul)**

Each city has created a team of local leaders, including local elected officials, senior city staff, and community leaders from communities impacted by displacement.



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Network activities

Creating impact at scale will require strong leadership and expanded capacity to understand the challenges and implement the right solutions. The network has six objectives to help accomplish this:

1. Increase member **knowledge, skills, and relationships** to advance anti-displacement policies.
2. Develop effective **anti-displacement policy roadmaps** and the internal infrastructure to implement in a manner accountable to impacted communities.
3. Increase capacity to **measure indicators using data and research**.
4. Increase **public awareness and support** of the housing crisis and solutions.
5. Increase the **political voice and power** of impacted communities in decision-making.
6. Contribute **policy and thought leadership** to build momentum at the state and national level to address displacement.

To accomplish these objectives, the city teams will assess their existing policy landscape and create a comprehensive action plan; join monthly learning labs to share their accomplishments and challenges; and participate in working groups to build solutions in five key anti-displacement policy areas:

1. Affordable housing preservation
2. Business and cultural stabilization
3. Community ownership
4. Equitable development
5. Tenant protection

Building a movement

Preventing displacement is essential for the future prosperity of our cities and our nation. The community leaders in this network are already advancing strategies to halt the forces that are pushing low-income people and people of color out of cities, while creating the conditions for all to thrive. Through the network, they will sharpen these strategies, develop new and innovative ideas, and amplify the growing movement for housing justice across the nation.

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