

Affordable Housing—It's a Conundrum

Today Johanna Gilligan, Senior Director of Community Development for HOMEWISE, will join us to discuss the serious lack of affordable housing in Santa Fe.

As stated in an excerpt from Ezra Klein's op-ed discussing California's housing problems:

Kendi's central argument is that it is policy outcomes, not personal intent, that matter. "Racist policies are defined as any policy that leads to racial inequity," he told me when I interviewed him in 2019. "And so, for me, racial language in the policy doesn't matter, intent of the policymaker doesn't matter, even the consciousness of the policymaker, that it's going lead to inequity, doesn't matter. It's all about the fundamental outcome."

Focusing on Ibram X. Kendi's statement about fundamental outcomes, Johanna will be discussing:

- Current low-income housing availability in Santa Fe.
- Current initiatives to provide adequate housing at the right cost.
- Actions we can take to help.

Class Assignments

As time permits you may want to read and listen to the following articles and podcast:

- **California Is Making Liberals Squirm.** If progressivism can't work there, why should the country believe it can work anywhere else? Op-ed by Ezra Klein on California's housing problems. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/11/opinion/california-san-francisco-schools.html>
- **Santa Fe's Affordable Housing Timeline.** 30 years at a glance. *Santa Fe Reporter*. <https://www.sfreporter.com/news/2021/03/03/santa-fes-affordable-housing-timeline/>
- **House Rules: Inclusionary zoning is one of Santa Fe's biggest affordability problems and one of its best solutions.** *Santa Fe Reporter* article on housing affordability. <https://www.sfreporter.com/news/coverstories/2021/03/03/house-rules/>
- **Podcast: Let's Talk [Un]Affordable Housing.** By Kaveh Mowahed, KUNM, May 4, 2021. (53:53 min) <https://www.kunm.org/post/lets-talk-unaffordable-housing>