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Let's Talk About Affordable Housing

"If we are serious about creating opportunity in America, we must address the shortage of affordable homes," Terri Ludwig says in a [new Huffington Post blog](#). More than 11 million renter households spend half of their income on housing, making it impossible to afford other necessities.

While the nation's housing insecurity problem is real, it isn't insurmountable. Changing government policy is key.

Referencing [our new vision for U.S. housing policy](#), Terri lists specific and concrete steps toward a solution in her new post, including: ensuring access to thriving neighborhoods, encouraging public and private investments in low-income neighborhoods, targeting subsidy dollars where they're needed most, and improving the overall financial stability of low-income households.

"With the right policies and smart investments, the U.S. can put the affordable housing crisis behind us, once and for all."



NEWS

- [Three High-Impact Developments in the Works: Health Center for LGBT Youth; Integrated Health Center; and Arts, Education and Recreation Campus](#)
- [Historic Wisconsin Building to be Transformed into Affordable Homes](#)
- [Regional Equitable Development Initiative Fund: One of Living Cities' First Investments through the Blended Catalyst Fund](#)
- [Seniors Increasingly Vulnerable to Rent Hikes](#)

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PERSPECTIVE

- [“To Stay on Track, I Always Ask Myself These Three Things.”](#) by Terri Ludwig
- [Statement on HUD Guidance on Criminal Records and the Fair Housing Act.](#) by Laurel Blatchford
- [“Using Public Land to Create Equitable Communities: Financial Best Practices.”](#) co-written by Devin Culbertson

EVENTS

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[NH&RA Spring Developers Forum](#)

Marina del Rey, Calif.

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[Affordable Housing Summit](#)

Minneapolis

ENTERPRISE RESOURCE CENTER

Visit our [online library](#) for a wide offering of new and timeless affordable housing tools and resources:

- [Path to Home Ownership: A Guide to Single-Family Lease Purchase Projects Funded with 9% Tax Credits](#)
- [The Community Developer’s Guide to Improving Schools in Revitalizing Neighborhoods](#)

SOCIAL

Here are a few notable tweets:

[@CenterOnBudget](#)

Childless adults are currently taxed into [#poverty](#) - an expanded [#EITC](#) would help

fix that: <http://bit.ly/1UWv5TI>

[@pewtrusts](#)

FACT: Lower-income renters spent almost 50% of their earnings on housing in 2014. <http://pew.org/1VBBiDF>

[@NickKristof](#)

123,000 children are homeless in America; ending it would cost 1% of what we spent in Afghanistan at the peak

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Men in the top 1 percent distribution level live about 15 years longer than men in the bottom 1 percent on the income distribution in the United States. To give you a sense of the magnitude, men in the bottom 1 percent have life expectancy comparable to the average life expectancy in Pakistan or Sudan."

- Raj Chetty, professor of Economics at Stanford University

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