# Affordable Housing Advocacy

A Nation-wide Housing Crisis

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## Overview

#### **Our Drive**

- Economy
- Wealth Inequality
- Inadequate Resources

#### Approach

- Lack of Knowledge/Awareness
- → Less Empathy
- → No Change

## The Need

Not enough attention and support for the issue

More empathy is needed to cause change and help support people in need

## SOLUTIONS + PROTOTYPING

- Informational videos
- Using short surveys
- Setting up booths or meetings
- Spreading awareness

"People know home prices are absurd, they just don't know how the people without homes feel - Babs Deffenderfer"

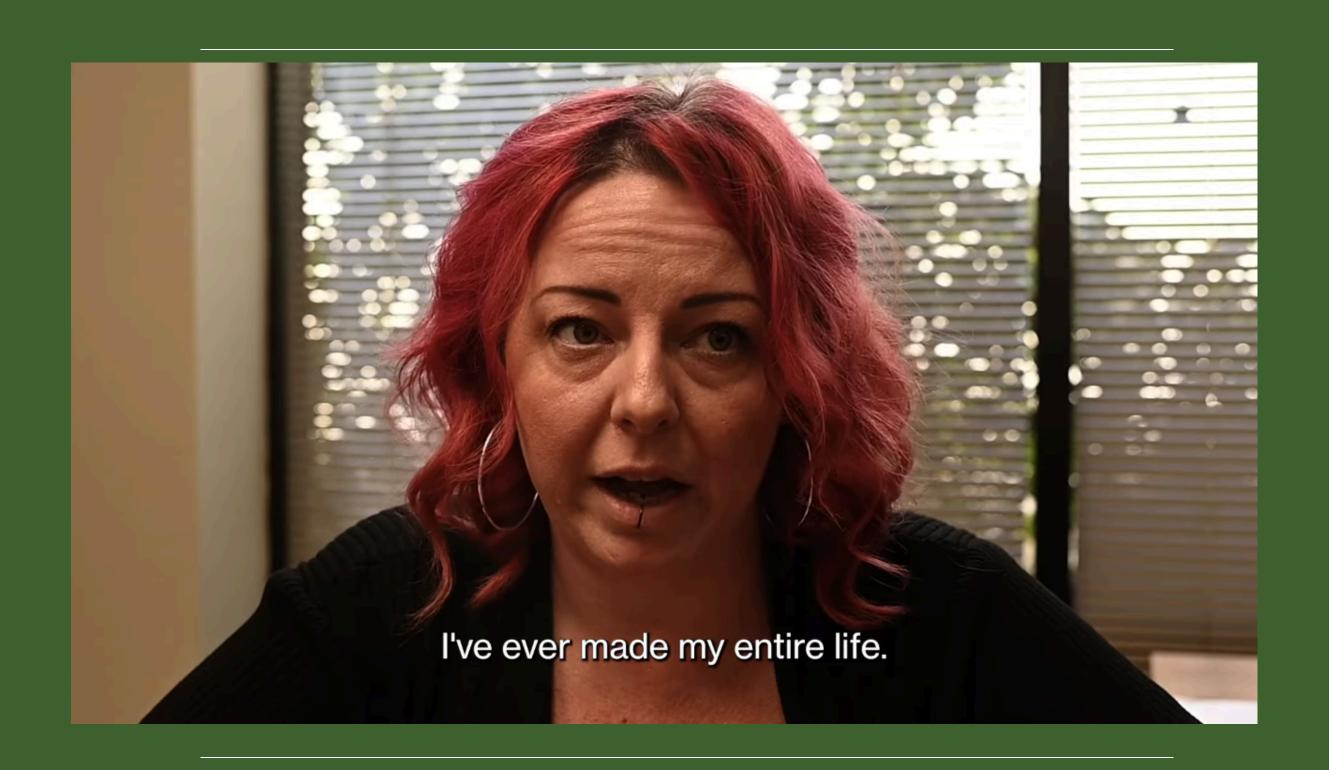


#### **TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE HOMELESSNESS**

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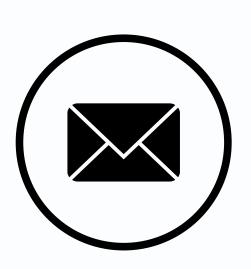


## OUR VIDEOS

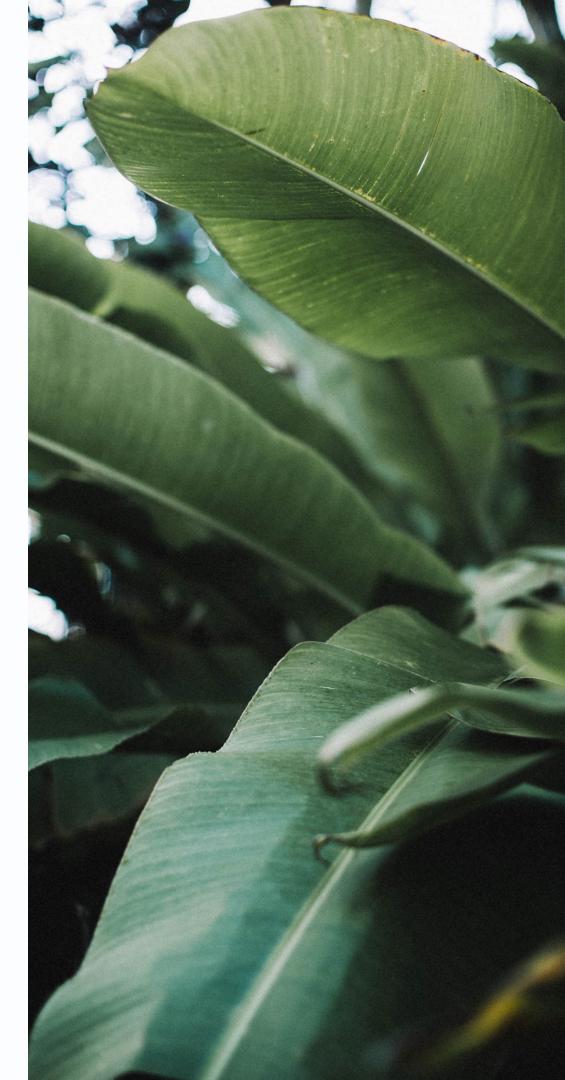


## OBSTACLES

- Researching problems and solutions
- 20+ emails
- Figuring out where to present







## ALLIES

#### Foundational Support

- YCS
- Begins With Home

#### Interviews

- Doorway
- Eden Housing
- Alameda County Housing



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to Aubrey, Aditya, me 🔻

This is wonderful. Thank you for closing the loop, Aubrey!

Glad you're going to share at the Community Impact Exhibit, Chilton and Aditya!

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## RESULTS

#### "It can happen to anyone, anywhere."

Q1: How much did the video increase your knowledge on housing issues?

Q2: Did our video increase your connection/empathy to people going through this? (1-5)

Q3: Did this video increase your likely hood on voting on a bill for more housing?

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## Next Steps

We are working in conjunction with a local church called the First Presbyterian Church.

### CONCLUSION

- Misson
  - Little "Impact"
  - Enriching to Teach
- Takeaways
  - Improvise & Change!

## Encouragements

"Helping just one person makes your project worth it." - Ann Steffer

"Challenges will come, but each one teaches you something important." - Chris Bronson



### THANK YOU!!

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Thank you YCS (Youth Community Service) for inviting us to their CIE (Community Impact Exhibit) event to share our videos

Thank you Beginswithhome for producing and providing us with our videos



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## OUR VIDEOS & RESULTS



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