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Creating Great Communities for All

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Need for Inventory/ Much to Overcome

- Deficient supply of skilled workers
- Rising cost of materials
- Depletion of developable lots
- **Land use regulations**
- **Lagging productivity growth**

Source: State of the Nation's Housing 2018

**Other
major
issues
to
address**

Overcrowding

Affordability

Location

Accessibility

Expiring use/
loss of existing
inventory

Sustainability

APA Actions

- **POSITION 1 Modernize state and local laws to ensure housing opportunities are available, accessible, and affordable to all**
- **Actions range from State to local amendments, location of housing, jobs/ housing balance, fair share distribution, inclusionary housing, enabling design and accessibility, community engagement/ education**

APA Actions

- POSITION 2 Preserve existing housing to maintain the quality and overall supply of affordable housing
- Actions aim to address market-rate affordable, deed-restricted affordable, monitoring affordability, and housing for older adults

APA Actions

- POSITION 3 Encourage environmental sustainability and resiliency as critical elements of housing availability and affordability.
- Actions address need to amend zoning and building requirements to increase production of net zero and passive homes. Education of tenants/owners also addressed.

APA Actions

. POSITION 4 Ensure public and private finance keeps pace and innovates to support increased housing availability and affordability

Actions aim to address public financing and policies (federal), private financing and policies, innovative financing tools, improved federal coordination of programs, and improvements to local tax policy.

APA Actions

POSITION 5 Support funding and program flexibility to provide services, shelters, and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Actions direct planners to advocate for funding and resources to support those most in need.