

Appendix G: Glossary

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<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Link</i>
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	Housing units added to existing or proposed residential buildings. ADUs are also often called in-law units, granny flats, secondary units, or basement or garage apartments.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/accessory-dwelling-units.htm
Administrative (or "ministerial") approval	A governmental decision involving little or no personal judgment by the public official; it involves only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements, and the public official cannot use personal, subjective judgment in deciding whether or how the project should be carried out.	
Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	Enacted by AB 686 in 2018, this California law strengthens existing fair housing requirements and protections. AFFH contains requirements state and local governments must follow to ensure inclusive communities, including new requirements for municipal housing element updates.	https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml ; https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB686
All-Home Plan	All Home Plan recommends a proportion of 1-2-4 where for each four units of permanently supportive housing, two shelter beds and interim-housing options are added, along with homelessness prevention services for one individual.	210413_Regional_Action_Plan_Final.pdf (allhomeca.org)
At-risk of becoming unhoused	People with prior experience of homelessness, with involvement with the criminal justice system, extremely-low and very-low income American Indian, Black, and Latinos/es/x, domestic violence victims, those at imminent risk of losing housing (for example with an eviction notice, or subject to landlord harassment).	
Cost burdened	Households that pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing.	
Cross-laminated timber	An engineered wood building material that can be used in walls, roofs or ceilings, may be eco-friendly, and could lower construction cost through decreased lead times.	
Cultural anchors	Businesses, community and cultural centers, and other spaces of cultural importance for communities.	
Cultural Districts	A geographic area or location within San Francisco that embodies a unique cultural heritage. Through a formalized, collaborative partnership between the City and communities, the mandate requires that the City coordinate resources to assist in stabilizing vulnerable communities facing, or at risk of, displacement or gentrification.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/cultural-districts-initiative.htm
Discriminatory programs	Discriminatory programs by government action affecting housing, including government sanctioned programs, include but are not limited to urban renewal, redlining, segregated public housing, racial covenants, and exclusionary zoning regulations, such as single-family zoning.	
Ellis Act evictions	Evictions for which landlords have the right to evict tenants to remove all the units in the building from the rental market for at least 10 years. Units that have been recovered due to an Ellis Act eviction have restrictions on its future use, including conversions into condos and rentals.	https://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/rent-stabilization-eviction-protection.htm#:~:text=%28OMI%29.-,Ellis%20Act,evictions,-landlords

Environmental Justice Communities Map	The draft Environmental Justice Communities Map (EJ Communities Map) describes areas of San Francisco that have higher pollution and are predominately low-income. This map is based on CalEnviroScreen, a tool created by CalEPA & OEHHA that maps California communities that are most affected by pollution and other health risks. This draft EJ Communities Map includes additional local data on pollution and demographics. The draft map received public feedback for refinement, through a community engagement process, and is expected to be finalized in Fall 2022, as part of the Environmental Justice Framework. Environmental Justice Communities (EJ Communities) are defined as the census tracts with the top 30% of cumulative environmental and socioeconomic vulnerability across the city.	
Exclusionary zoning practices	Land use regulations that through their design and effect perpetuate racial and social exclusion. Early zoning regulations including single-family zoning often institutionalized racially exclusive practices for real estate profits.	https://belonging.berkeley.edu/root/spaceplace#:~:text=Explicitly%20Racial,Exclusionary%20Zoning,-Many
Five-Minute Network (MUNI)	A conceptual network of high-frequency transit lines, where a substantial investment in on-street improvements would markedly increase the routes' speed and reliability. These improvements include bus-only lanes, traffic signal adjustments, and queue jumps, and can be installed relatively quickly. Lines on the five-minute network include routes in the Rapid Network.	https://connectsf.org/wp-content/uploads/ConnectSF_Transit_Strategy_FINAL-20211209-1.pdf (pg. 24)
Group housing, co-housing, or co-living	Co-housing, group housing, or co-living rooms are a type of housing that may have limited cooking facilities and do not contain a full kitchen in each room. Co-housing may include (but is not limited to) communes, fraternities and sororities, or Residential Hotels.	
High opportunity areas	Areas in every region of the state whose characteristics have been shown by research to support positive economic, educational, and health outcomes for low-income families—particularly long-term outcomes for children. SF Planning used this same index to identify "Well-resourced neighborhoods."	https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac/opportunity.asp
Housing accelerator fund	This fund offers affordable housing developers lending opportunities to bridge permanent financing programs offered by MOHCD for production and preservation of affordable housing. The speed of execution, flexible terms, and ability to coordinate with public funders helps borrowers acquire sites quickly. It also allowed investors to provide grants, equity-like investments, program-related investments (PRIs), and secured and unsecured debt for funding affordable housing.	https://www.sfhaf.org/
Housing Ladder strategy	A rehousing approach that offers opportunities for residents of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to move from intensive supportive housing to more independent living, thus freeing up their PSH unit for others.	https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/the-homelessness-response-system/housing-ladder/
Inclusionary units	San Francisco requires new residential buildings of 10 or more units to include on-site affordable units (called inclusionary housing). Other options to meet this requirement include the payment of in-lieu fees (that fund 100 percent affordable housing), off-site affordable units, and land dedication.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/inclusionary-housing.htm

Inventory of rental housing units	A registry of rent controlled units that could provide policy makers and advocacy organizations greater insight into occupancy status, rental rates, or eviction history.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/rent-stabilization-eviction-protection.htm#C-3
Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs)	A type of ADU that is generally smaller than average ADUs and shares a restroom and/or kitchen with the main home.	https://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/accessory-dwelling-units.htm#:~:text=program%20for,junior%20ADUs%2C,that%20home..-However
Mid-rise multifamily buildings	Buildings of 5 to 8 stories	
Modular housing	A type of prefabricated housing, where the pieces of the building are usually built in one place using a factory assembly line, shipped to a construction site, and then assembled. Using this housing production method reduces construction costs through its building process and through decreased lead times.	
Navigation centers	Low-threshold, high-service temporary shelter programs for adults experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. Services include case management, housing navigation, DPH health services, HSA benefits enrollment, SSI advocacy, and harm reduction therapy.	https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/the-homelessness-response-system/shelter/navigation-centers/
No-fault evictions	Evictions that allow landlords to take possession of their property from the tenant and are not due to tenant actions. These evictions include Ellis Act, owner move-in, demolition, capital improvement, substantial rehabilitation, sale of unit converted to condo, and lead paint abatement.	https://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/rent-stabilization-eviction-protection.htm#:~:text=%27No-fault%27,evictions,-allow
Overcrowding	More than 1 person per room (including living rooms) for overcrowding, and more than 1.5 persons per room for severe overcrowding.	
Owner Move-In (OMI) eviction	Evictions that allow owners to evict the tenant for the owner or their family to live in the unit as their principal place of residence. It is generally restricted to one OMI eviction per building.	https://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/rent-stabilization-eviction-protection.htm#:~:text=years.-,Owner,evictions,-allow
Payments of relocation assistance	Payments that landlords must provide tenants that are evicted through no-fault evictions. At the time of publication (Jan 2022) payments are set between \$7,200 to \$12,000 per tenant.	https://sfrb.org/sites/default/files/Document/Form/579%20Multilingual%20Relocation%20Payments%2037.9C%2020-21.pdf
Preference programs	Lottery preference programs provide priority for specific housing projects or affordable housing to households qualifying for each program. Having lottery preference improves a household's chances in a housing lottery for affordable housing and gives current and former San Francisco residents a chance to continue living in the City.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/lottery-preference-programs.htm
Proposition 13	A 1978 ballot measure that reduced property tax rates on homes, businesses and farms, and capped assessed property taxes at 1% for assessed values with no more than 2% annual increase. Prop 13 significantly reduced the tax revenue of local jurisdictions to fund schools, services, and infrastructure.	

Racial and social equity assessment tool	An analysis approach to assessing the potential racial and social equity impacts of a proposed action. This tool is part of San Francisco Planning's Racial and Social Equity Action Plan, which aims to pro-actively advance equity in the Department's internal and external work such as community planning, community engagement, policy/laws development, hiring, and process improvements. At the time of publication (March 2022), this tool is still being developed.	https://sfplanning.org/project/racial-and-social-equity-action-plan#about
Racially restrictive covenants	Throughout the late-nineteenth and mid-twentieth centuries, white property owners and subdivision developers wrote clauses into their property deeds forbidding the resale and sometimes rental of such property to non-whites, particularly African Americans. This approach was endorsed by the federal government and the real estate industry at least through the 1940s, and in many cases was required by banks and other lending institutions.	https://belonging.berkeley.edu/root/sraceplace#:~:text=138-.Racially%20Restrictive,Association%20Bylaws,-Throughout
Rapid Network (MUNI)	<p>The 13 rail and bus lines that account for the majority of Muni's ridership. Before the pandemic, Rapid Network lines were scheduled to operate every 10 minutes or better all day on weekdays.</p> <p>The lines in the Rapid network consist of J Church; KT: K Ingleside; T Third Street; M Ocean View; N Judah; 5 Fulton; 5R Fulton Rapid; 7 Haight/Noriega; 9 San Bruno; 9R San Bruno Rapid; 14 Mission; 14R Mission Rapid; 28 19th Avenue; 28R 19th Avenue Rapid; 38 Geary; and 38R Geary Rapid.</p>	https://connectsf.org/wp-content/uploads/ConnectSF_Transit_Strategy_FINAL-20211209-1.pdf (pg. 24)
Rapid rehousing	A set of interventions that provides people with grants to pay for living expenses like first and last month's rent managed by the SF Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.	https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/the-homelessness-response-system/housing/
Redlining	An explicitly discriminatory federal policy that color-coded Black and nearby neighborhoods in red, deeming them "hazardous" to potential mortgage lenders. This systematically denied residents in these neighborhoods loans for homeownership or maintenance, leading to segregation and cycles of disinvestment in primarily Black and other communities of color.	https://www.urbandisplacement.org/about/what-are-gentrification-and-displacement/
Rent control	Rent Ordinance (1979) that restricts annual rent increases, ensures tenants can only be evicted for "just causes," and restricts evictions of tenants occupying a qualifying unit built prior to June 13, 1979. Once tenants vacate the rent-stabilized unit, landlords can raise its rent to market rate (otherwise known as vacancy decontrol).	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/rent-stabilization-eviction-protection.htm
Severely cost-burdened	Households that pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing.	
Short-term rentals	A rental of all or a portion of a home for periods of less than 30 nights (for example, Airbnb rentals).	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/short-term-rental-regulations.htm
Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	A form of housing that serves low-income residents. A typical room in an SRO residential hotel is a single eight (8) x ten (10) foot room with shared toilets, kitchens and showers on each floor.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/sro-hotel-protections.htm

Small multifamily building	Buildings of 4 or less stories that include between 4 and 19 units	
Small Sites Acquisition	An acquisition and rehabilitation loan program for small multifamily rental buildings to protect and establish long-term affordable housing throughout San Francisco, launched in 2014.	http://projects.sfplanning.org/community-stabilization/small-sites-program.htm
Supportive housing	A type of housing managed by the SF Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing that offers tenants long-term affordable housing with on-site services, such as case management, mental health services, etc.	https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/the-homelessness-response-system/housing/
Trauma-informed systems (TIS)	The TIS Initiative at the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) is an organizational change model to support organizations to respond to and reduce the impact of trauma.	https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oprograms/TIS/default.asp
Urban renewal	A federally funded program that acquired, razed, and redeveloped areas of cities condemned as "blighted." In practice, redevelopment areas often followed redlining, and property was often taken from people of color by eminent domain for minimal compensation creating massive displacement of those communities.	https://belonging.berkeley.edu/root/spaceplace#:~:text=The%20Beginnings,Suburban%20Revolt
Vulnerable populations	Populations defined by a shared identity or life experiences that society, institutions, and the state marginalize. Vulnerable populations frequently experience barriers to thriving from institutions and systems and report poor life outcomes across some or many variables. SF Planning identified and incorporated vulnerable populations in the identification of Priority Equity Geographies and the prioritization of resources and services in the Housing Element. Populations may include, but are not limited to, people of color, transgender and LGBTQ+ people, youth, seniors, formerly incarcerated people, people with limited English proficiency, low-income households, and people with disabilities.	