

# Los Altos: A place to call home in Silicon Valley?

## What Can You Do?

1. When you interact with a nurse, teacher, city employee, grocery clerk, retail worker, first responder, barista ... ask them about their commute.
2. Join the Los Altos Affordable Housing Group which crafts and supports solutions to the shortage of homes in Los Altos. All questions, ideas, and opinions are welcome. Together we can solve this. Email [losaltosaffordablehousinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:losaltosaffordablehousinggroup@gmail.com).
3. Find out when housing is on your city council meeting agenda and advocate for affordable housing by writing letters to council members and speaking up at meetings. Agendas and minutes are available of council meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7 pm) at <https://www.losaltosca.gov/citycouncil>. City Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast Channel 26 or live-streamed from the City website noted in this paragraph.
4. Help your city council know that affordable housing is important to you by finding out which candidates are housing advocates and voting for them in the November 6, 2018 election.
5. Check out these Silicon Valley resources:
  - SV@Home ([siliconvalleyathome.org](http://siliconvalleyathome.org)) advocates for policies, programs, land use, and funding for increasing affordable housing and educates elected officials and the community about housing needs and the links between housing and education, health, transportation, and the environment. Learn about Affordable Housing Week, May 11-18, 2018 from SV@Home.
  - Housing Trust Silicon Valley ([housingtrustsv.org](http://housingtrustsv.org)) helps create an affordable housing market through high-volume nonprofit housing lending and assists the homeless to first-time homebuyers with housing issues and programs.
  - Silicon Valley Community Foundation On The Table (<https://www.siliconvalleycf.org/onthetable>), was designed to strengthen and connect our community through conversations about affordable housing. More than 700 hosts led conversations with over 7,000 participants on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Information about On The Table 2.0 on November 13, 2018 will be posted as they become available.
  - Bay Area Forward ([bayareaforward.org](http://bayareaforward.org)), through its broad coalition, fosters inclusive communities.
6. Get current on recent changes to California laws that hold cities accountable for creating more affordable homes (*A 2018 Guide to New Housing Law in California* ([cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Hot-Issues/Housing](http://cacities.org/Policy-Advocacy/Hot-Issues/Housing))).