

## ISSUE WORKSHEET

## housing

## 1. Did you know?

- In 2000, the average rent in California was \$747 per month. The median (midpoint) price of a house in the state is now over \$400,000, up 65% from just 3 years ago.
- People in California are less likely to own a home than in other states. California housing is made up of 42% renters and 58% owners. That compares to 31% renters and 69% owners across the whole U.S.
- In the 2000 census, there were about 28,000 people without homes in California. But it is hard to get a true count of homeless people.

## 2. What other learners have said about housing...

- To get more affordable housing, we need to build coalitions in the community. Neighborhoods could actually build the housing they need.
- Let's give landlords of vacant buildings a deadline to clean the buildings up. If they don't do it, have the state come in and turn the building into affordable housing.
- Affordable housing needs to include yards where children can get exercise to be healthy and strong. We should also use neighborhood patrols to make our housing safer.



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