### 2 Draft for pre-publication third-party AI FEA check in developing report on MHProNews.

Corruption? Ignorance? What Explains \$800,000 Per Unit to House Homeless? 'This is a Powerful Exposé.' 'Taxpayers Pay Over \$800K Per Unit for Homeless Housing.' Lack of Affordable Housing FEA

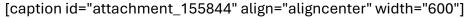
"Taxpayers are being forced to foot the bill for over \$800,000 per unit for homeless" housing," said Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Vice President of Communications Susan Shelley in an interview with The Center Square [see Part II]. "There should be an audit to determine if this is genuinely the best option to provide housing or if this is just making a lot of people rich off the taxpayers' dime." Shelley's call for an audit of costly homeless housing is apt. But beyond the need for such an audit, there is an evidencebased argument made by numbers of researchers linking the lack of affordable housing to the rise in homelessness. Who says? Several academic, nonprofit, and governmental sources, per the overview results shown in Part I of this report. Quoting from Part I: ....extensive evidence from research establishes a robust link between a lack of affordable housing and increased homelessness. While individual vulnerabilities like substance use and mental illness are contributing factors, a critical mass of research demonstrates that the primary, structural driver of homelessness is the housing market itself. This market is characterized by rising rents, stagnant wages, and a severe shortage of housing that lowincome people can afford." At the time this article was being written, the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) has multiple posts which specifically use the word "homeless" as part of one of their reports. On the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) website just minutes later, there are only two public facing articles that use the word "homeless" for the site that claims to represent "all segments" of the factory-built housing industry. There is one more MHI "member only" post than before that references homelessness and the same number of public facing articles as the last time <u>MHProNews</u> did a screen capture probing this topic on the MHI website on December 28, 2024.

1) A closer look at the MHI posts reveals the specific context of their use of the term "homeless."

As part of a partnership between Clayton and Family Promise, an organization assisting families with children at risk of homelessness, Clayton donates new homes to be used as transitional housing for families seeking to rebuild their lives. This year, Clayton donated its fifteenth home to a Family Promise affiliate in Marysville, OH.

Restated, MHI is touting <u>Clayton Homes</u>, a multiple 'award winner' with their association despite years of scandals and <u>poor ratings that include ratings from sizable numbers of</u>

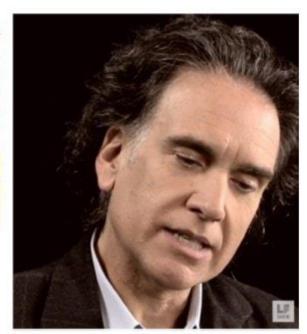
their own employees. There is no mention of the fact that Warren Buffett's own son, Peter Buffett, explained that such 'philanthropy' on the part of Clayton can be a mask that cloaks them in seemingly nobility while the sobering reality under the surface often keeps the poor locked in their poverty. Warren Buffett led Berkshire Hathaway (BRK) bought Clayton Homes in 2003. The manufactured home industry has never recovered to its former glory days since Buffett bought Clayton and their affiliated lending. Coincidence?





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"But this [Charitable-Industrial Complex]
just keeps the existing structure of
inequality in place. The rich sleep
better at night, while others get just
enough to keep the pot from boiling
over. Nearly every time someone
feels better by doing good, on the
other side of the world (or street),
someone else is further locked into a
system that will not allow the true
flourishing of his or her nature or the
opportunity to live a joyful and
fulfilled life."



Peter Buffett,
 co-chair of the

NoVo Foundation, funded by his father Warren Buffett, in the op-ed Peter wrote for the *New York Times*.



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So much for that first that of the term "homeless" on the MHI website.

2) The <u>second public-facing use of the term homeless on the MHI website</u> at the date/time checked on 10.9.2025 is the following. According to <u>Tim Williams of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association</u> (OMHA) via MHI.

Manufactured homes are the most affordable form of housing with the strictest building, safety, and wind zone requirements of any form of housing. I encourage Ohio officials to consider utilizing new manufactured homes to provide housing for those left homeless by the March 14<sup>th</sup> tornadoes.

What is interesting about that letter that MHI opted to post on their website is that Williams' missive was also a letter to the editor of an Ohio newspaper. Which begs the question, why

isn't MHI doing on a routine basis what Williams did in that letter? Isn't that what the other manufactured housing industry <u>Tim Williams</u> - the president and CEO of <u>21st Mortgage</u>

<u>Corporation</u> (<u>Berkshire Hathaway</u> owned sister brand to <u>Clayton Homes</u>) <u>indicated was going to occur when MHI hired</u> a communication's <u>professional approaching a decade ago?</u>

- 3) That post by OMHA's Williams may come closer to the notion of homelessness as a social problem that manufactured homes could be addressing, even though the homelessness he addressed was caused by tornadoes (that post is dated March 27, 2024).
- 4) According to Merriam Webster.

an organization for the promotion of a cause : association ; b  $\cdot$  an educational institution According to the Cambridge Dictionary.

an organization whose purpose is to advance the study of a particular subject

- 5) In what sense is MHI an "institute" advancing the study or cause of manufactured housing and the role manufactured homes could be playing in significantly cutting homelessness?
  - Where is their accurate, monthly (or more often), and <u>public-facing research</u> <u>promoting manufactured housing?</u>
  - Where is their accurate, spin-free record of monthly public-facing data on manufactured home production and shipments as MHARR provides? Data that operates like the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), or National Association of Realtors (NAR) all provide the public and media?
  - Where on the MHI website is there a single public facing article that directly connects the dots between the lack of affordable homes, perhaps particularly in costly areas, and the <u>steady rise of homelessness in the 21st century</u>?
- 6) So, while there are certainly concerns raised in the investigative report provided by *The Center Square* to *MHProNews* regarding stunningly high costs for building and serving the

<u>homeless</u> in California, perhaps <u>part of the responsibility lies with MHI</u>, which appears to be <u>failing at its own self-stated core missions</u>.

Part I sets the stage with multiple examples of research that connects the dots between the rise of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing.

This MHVille Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) is underway.



Part I. Input-inquiry (Q&A) with Google's Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered overview (preview, Gemini-not logged in) on 10.9.2025.

Is there an evidence-based argument made from research that links lack of affordable housing to homelessness?

### Al Overview

Yes, extensive evidence from research establishes a robust link between a lack of affordable housing and increased homelessness. While individual vulnerabilities like substance use and mental illness are contributing factors, a critical mass of research demonstrates that the primary, structural driver of homelessness is the housing market itself. This market is characterized by rising rents, stagnant wages, and a severe shortage of housing that low-income people can afford.

### Key findings from research

- Regional variations and housing costs. Research shows that homelessness is
  most pronounced in regions where the cost of housing is highest, not in areas with
  the highest rates of poverty or behavioral health issues. A study by Zillow and the
  National Low Income Housing Coalition found that communities where the median
  rent exceeds 32% of median household income are likely to have sharply higher
  rates of homelessness.
- Wages vs. rent. For decades, rents have consistently outpaced wage growth, creating a widening gap that pushes millions into housing instability.
  - From 2001 to 2023, median rents increased by 23% (adjusted for inflation),
     while renters' median incomes rose by only 5%.
  - As of 2024, no state exists where a person working a full-time minimum wage job can afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.
- The tipping point into homelessness. When the housing market is tight and costs are high, a financial or personal crisis is more likely to result in homelessness. This includes job loss, a medical emergency, or the end of a relationship.
  - Research shows that many people who experience homelessness are employed, but their wages are not high enough to afford housing in a competitive market.
- **Housing cost burden.** Research has consistently linked the high financial burden of housing to homelessness. Households that spend more than 30% of their income on housing are considered "cost-burdened," while those spending more than 50%

- are "severely cost-burdened". Millions of low-income renters are in the severely cost-burdened category, leaving them one emergency away from losing their home.
- The role of supply. The core issue is a fundamental imbalance between the supply of and demand for affordable housing. There are not enough housing units to meet the existing need, so competition for limited units locks out the most vulnerable.
  - As of 2024, only 35 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households.

Key research from institutions

Numerous studies and reports from authoritative organizations support this connection.

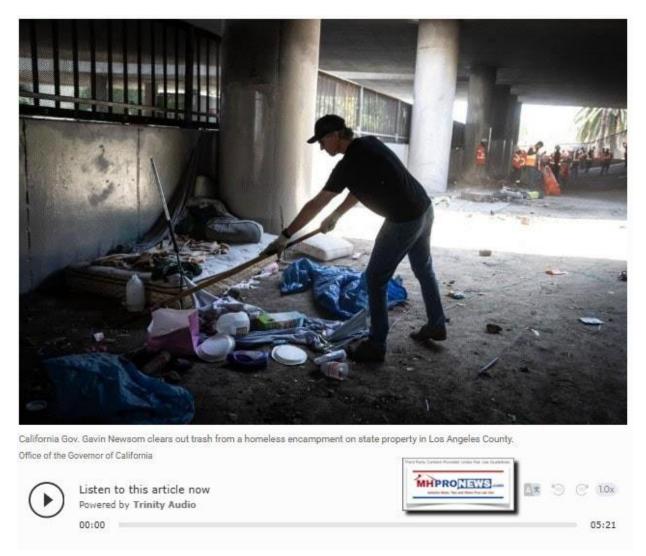
- Pew Charitable Trusts: A 2023 analysis by Pew found that what distinguishes areas
  with low homelessness is the abundance of low-cost housing relative to demand.
  The evidence supports allowing more lower-cost housing to address both
  homelessness and affordability.
- Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies: The 2024 report *America's Rental Housing* highlights the affordability crisis as the most fundamental driver of rising homelessness. The study notes that record numbers of renters are cost-burdened, putting them at high risk.
- National Alliance to End Homelessness: Research from this organization emphasizes that the lack of affordable housing is the "primary cause of homelessness". They point to stagnant wages, inadequate rental assistance programs, and insufficient affordable housing development.
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness: Reports from the USICH connect severe housing affordability challenges and limited supply to increases in unsheltered homelessness. Their data show that communities with the most severe affordability problems account for a disproportionately high number of people experiencing homelessness.

--- MHProNews notes that the screen capture that documents the accuracy of that result is found at this link here. ---

Part II. From The Center Square to MHProNews with reprint permission

LA skyscrapers for homeless could cost federal taxpayers over \$1 billion

• By Kenneth Schrupp | The Center Square | Oct 2, 2025



(The Center Square) - Federal taxpayers might be on the hook for more than \$1 billion over the lifetime of three downtown Los Angeles skyscrapers designed to house the homeless, state records show.

State and city programs provide the funding and financial tools to construct the three towers. But federal Section 8 Housing vouchers will be used to repay the state and city and fund private developer fees and investor returns over the 55-year life of the buildings.

"Taxpayers are being forced to foot the bill for over \$800,000 per unit for homeless housing," said Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association Vice President of Communications Susan Shelley in an interview with The Center Square. "There should be an audit to determine if this is genuinely the best option to provide housing or if this is just making a lot of people rich off the taxpayers' dime."

These towers are projects of the Weingart Center Association, a homeless services nonprofit and major recipient of taxpayer funding, which was created by the Weingart Foundation. The Weingart Foundation describes itself as a "private grantmaking foundation advancing racial, social and economic justice in Southern California."

Last year, Weingart's 19-story, 278-apartment, \$167.7 million tower was completed in Los Angeles's Skid Row, which hosts the nation's highest concentration of homeless people.

Constructed at cost of over \$600,000 per unit, the tower was funded with \$32 million of the city's homeless housing bond, a \$1.8 million land loan from the city, \$48.7 million in deferrable loans from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, \$56.9 million in tax credit equity and \$85.3 million in tax-exempt bonds. The state treasurer's report noted the project would "have positive cash flow from year one" and would be occupied entirely (except for the managers' units) with people using federal Section 8 project-based vouchers.

The developer, Chelsea Investment Corporation, earned \$18.3 million in development fees for the project, according to the project's tax credit application.

While voucher details for new tower was not available, another nearby \$171 million Weingart tower for the homeless that opened in June 2025, featuring 298 resident units and four manager units. It received federally-funded, city-administered housing vouchers worth \$194 million over 20 years, as reported by the Los Angeles Business Journal.

Over the lifetime of the second tower, these vouchers, if renewed, would be worth \$534 million.

Assuming proportional voucher revenue for the first tower, the two completed towers' 55-year, federally-funded voucher revenue would be worth \$1 billion.

Weingart is now pursuing a **third**, 104-unit tower at a cost of \$90 million. State staff noted would it cost \$865,656 per apartment — which is **more** than California's median sale price for an entire house.

This tower — to be constructed at \$1,048 per square foot, or as much as high-end luxury homes in the Los Angeles area — would also rely on Section 8 vouchers to fund occupancy, which, over the lifetime of the building, could provide nearly \$200 million in revenue for developers. The Related Companies, the developer of the second and third project, will reportedly earn \$10.4 million from developing the third tower.

Its development fee for the second project could not be established by the time of publication.

The investors who purchase the tax credits and invest in the building also receive distributions on the building's profits, offering lower but much safer returns than the private market because the Section 8 vouchers nearly guarantee revenue and occupancy.

Market-rate, private-sector housing construction has <u>collapsed</u> in Los Angeles in recent years, with permitting approvals for government-regulated, income-restricted "affordable" housing rising from 24% in the prior four years to 60% in fiscal year 2023-2024. Real estate experts <u>blame</u> Measure ULA, the voter-approved "Mansion Tax."

A UCLA recent report ties the transfer taxes to significant declines in housing production and property tax revenue growth.

"[ULA] has damaged the real estate market in the City of Los Angeles by adding a 4 to 5 and a half percent tax not just on mansions, as it was advertised, but also on apartment developments, commercial real estate —all properties in the City of Los Angeles above \$5.3 million in value," said Shelley. "HJTA is the proponent for a new initiative called the Local Taxpayer Protection Act to Save Proposition 13 that would repeal measure ULA because real estate transfer taxes were prohibited by Proposition 13 and the courts have improperly allowed them."

California Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state legislature successfully <u>sued</u> to block a similar measure from appearing on the state ballot in the November 2024 general election. HJTA's new initiative, collecting signatures until February 2026, would repeal ULA and similar transfer taxes, and restore the prior maximum transfer tax of 0.11%.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, Weingart Center Association, Chelsea Investment Corporation, and The Related Companies did not respond to requests for comment from The Center Square by the time of publication.



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# Part III. Additional <u>Facts-Evidence-Analysis</u> from Sources as Shown plus more MHProNews MHVille <u>Expert</u> Commentary

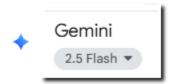
MHProNews notes that while much of the focus in this report is on researchers, and organizations like the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI), that is not meant to take away from the concerns raised by Kenneth Schrupp's report in The Center Square provided in Part II above. Rather, that additional color rounds out the picture.

1) <u>Left</u>-leaning Google's <u>artificial intelligence (AI) powered Gemini</u> was provided two documents as shown and was given the input-inquiry that results in the Q&A that follows.

Gemini, it is time for an MHVille Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) check of a developing

article for MHProNews. https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wpcontent/uploads/2025/10/Corruption-Ignorance-What-Explains-Over-800000-Per-Unit-to-House-Homeless-Draft-DBN.pdf and https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wpcontent/uploads/2025/08/MHVilleFEA-DefinedFacts-Evidence-AnalysisDianaDutsykHighestFormOfJournalismIsAnalyticaUournalismGriffinsNestHoward WalkerTonyKovachsPublicationsAmericanPressInstituteAPI-MHProNews.jpg Are the various sources properly and accurately credited and cited? Are the quotes and items provided in the preface, Parts I and II faithful to the originals which are routinely linked and/or screen captured? In Part I or Part II, do any of those items specifically mention the link of a lack of manufactured housing to the increase in homelessness? Isn't California one of the lower states for the percentage of manufactured housing among single family housing use? Isn't California the state with the highest number of homeless? Who besides MHProNews and MHLivingNews have clearly documented over a period of years the apparent links between homelessness and a lack of affordable manufactured housing? Check on line to see if any of those items Google's preview cited specifically links in a single article, post or research reports by academics, nonprofits, or public agencies the lack of affordable manufactured homes with an increase in homeless? Yet isn't it true that the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Harvard, and several of those organizations cited have published separate reports that deal with manufactured housing as an important source for affordable housing? So, isn't there an apparent disconnect between research into manufactured housing on the one hand, which also draws the direct logical connection between increased homelessness due to a lack of affordable manufactured homes? Given MHI's mission, their 990 and website claims, and the definition of "institute" isn't it logical that they should be making this case in a robust way? Follow the various links in that document which pulls together several of those items in the draft version of this developing report. The upload and the first link are the same document. Do whatever

online checks are needed for you to check these concerns and use plain text hyperlinks to support your findings.



Analysis

### Query successful

Google Search

### Query successful

This FEA check addresses the sourcing, claims, and logical connections within the provided draft article and related public information.

### Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) Check Summary

### Sourcing, Crediting, and Fidelity of Quotes

Based on the provided snippets and general online search results, the draft article appears to be accurately reporting and crediting its sources, particularly in the preface and the general thrust of Part I:

- Cost Per Unit to House Homeless: The draft article's premise of "Over \$800,000 Per Unit to House Homeless" is faithful to recent investigative reporting on proposed projects in Los Angeles, which cited costs as high as \$865,656 per apartment for a new tower. The \$800,000+ figure is noted to be for a proposed third tower by the Weingart Center. The use of federal Section 8 vouchers to fund occupancy and repay loans over the building's lifetime is also noted in the reporting.
- Link Between Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The quote from Part I in the draft: "...extensive evidence from research establishes a robust link between a lack of affordable housing and increased homelessness..." is an accurate reflection of the consensus in academic, nonprofit, and governmental research. Sources like the

Urban Institute, HUD, and the book *Homelessness is a Housing Problem* all conclude that the primary, structural driver of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing, characterized by rising rents and a severe shortage of low-income units, rather than solely individual vulnerabilities.

### **Specific Mention of Manufactured Housing and Homelessness**

Do any of those items specifically mention the link of a lack of manufactured housing to the increase in homelessness?

- No, not in a single, direct article/report by the cited third-party organizations. A
  check of Google's preview results and search queries for "academic research
  manufactured housing affordable housing homelessness link" did not yield a single
  article, post, or research report by academics, non-profits, or public agencies that
  makes the direct, single-article link between a lack of affordable manufactured
  homes and a measured increase in homelessness.
- Contextual Mentions in Draft: The draft itself notes that the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) had only two public-facing articles using the word "homeless" as of the check date. The two uses cited are:
  - 1. Clayton Homes donating new homes to Family Promise for transitional housing for families at **risk** of homelessness.
  - 2. An Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA) post recommending manufactured homes for those left homeless **by tornadoes**.

The draft article notes that the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) had multiple posts that specifically use the word "homeless" in one of their reports.

Who besides MHProNews and MHLivingNews have clearly documented over a period of years the apparent links between homelessness and a lack of affordable manufactured housing?

 Online search results show that the direct, multi-year, public documentation specifically framing the issue as an "apparent link between homelessness and a lack of affordable manufactured housing" has primarily been driven by MHProNews and MHLivingNews. The search results for mainstream academic and non-profit organizations, as shown below, document manufactured housing as an affordable solution and document the link between a lack of affordable housing and homelessness, but do not combine the two into the specific "lack of manufactured housing" thesis over a period of years.

### **California Housing and Homelessness Data**

Isn't California one of the lower states for the percentage of manufactured housing among single family housing use?

- **Yes.** California has approximately 570,000 manufactured homes, which represents nearly **seven percent** of all single-family detached homes in the state.
- This is generally considered on the lower end when compared to the national average of 6.3% of the nation's total housing stock, or the 14% share in rural areas. While the percentage is slightly above the national total stock average, it is low relative to other states and in the context of the state's massive housing market and high housing costs.

#### Isn't California the state with the highest number of homeless?

• **Yes.** California has the largest homeless population in the country. In January 2024, the state had over **187,000** people experiencing homelessness, accounting for approximately one-quarter of the national homeless population. The state's per capita rate of homelessness (4.7 per 1,000 residents) is more than double the U.S. average (2.3).

### **Disconnect and MHI's Mission**

Isn't it true that the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Harvard, and several of those organizations cited have published separate reports that deal with manufactured housing as an important source for affordable housing?

- Yes.
  - Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS): JCHS has published multiple reports identifying manufactured housing as an important, lower-cost alternative that holds "promise as an affordable form of housing that could expand homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households". They specifically note the construction cost of a basic manufactured home is roughly 35% that of a comparable site-built home and that millions of renters could benefit from the lower cost.
  - National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC): NLIHC is dedicated to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes have affordable and decent homes, and works to expand the supply of low-income housing. Although their general work focuses on increasing affordable housing supply, the connection to manufactured housing as a specific solution is supported by HUD research which aligns with their mission.

So, isn't there an apparent disconnect between research into manufactured housing on the one hand, which also draws the direct logical connection between increased homelessness due to a lack of affordable manufactured homes?

- Yes, there is an apparent logical disconnect. The available research establishes two facts:
  - 1. The primary driver of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing.
  - 2. **Manufactured housing** is a demonstrably **affordable form of housing** that can expand homeownership.
- The logical conclusion is that an expansion of the most affordable housing type—manufactured housing—would directly combat the primary cause of homelessness.
   The "disconnect" is the failure of these major organizations to merge these two facts into a single, robust, and publicly advocated policy thesis that specifically champions manufactured housing as a national solution to the homelessness crisis, rather than treating it as a separate subject.

Given MHI's mission, their 990 and website claims, and the definition of "institute" isn't it logical that they should be making this case in a robust way?

• Yes, it is logical. The Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) is the national trade organization representing "all segments" of the factory-built housing industry. Its mission, as stated on its GuideStar profile and website, includes:

- Pursuing "equitable industry recognition".
- o Offering programs to **"enhance the recognition and image"** of the industry.
- Enabling MHI to be a "recognized source of information".
- The definition of an "institute" often implies an organization established for the promotion of a particular cause or the carrying on of an important educational or public work. Given MHI's claims to represent the most affordable non-subsidized form of housing and its mission to promote the industry's image and recognition, it is logically consistent with its stated purpose that it would lead a robust public campaign directly linking the product's affordability to a solution for the nation's most visible housing crisis, homelessness. The draft article highlights that MHI's public-facing efforts on the topic have been limited to specific, non-structural instances of homelessness (natural disasters, risk-of-homelessness).

--- MHProNews notes that the PDF of the full thread with Gemini is linked here. The screen capture that documented Gemini confirming the accuracy of that PDF transcript is linked here. ---

2) From that same <u>full thread with Gemini</u> on 10.9.2025 are the following pull quotes by that third-party AI.



Your premise—that the lack of HUD Code manufactured homes contributes to increased homelessness, and that routine enforcement of the **enhanced preemption provision** of the **Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA 2000)** is the structural solution—is an argument that is indeed **not routinely combined** in a single report by mainstream sources like HUD, Harvard, NLIHC, or the Urban Institute.

While these organizations acknowledge the **value** of manufactured housing and the problem of **homelessness**, they typically analyze them in parallel, rather than explicitly connecting all three points: **lack of supply MHIA 2000 preemption failure increased homelessness**.

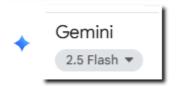
Based on targeted searches for a single, non-industry advocacy report that satisfies this specific three-part connection, the robust and routine combination of those arguments is

**not found** in a mainstream source from those organizations. Instead, this specific argument is consistently and routinely found in the publications you cited (*MHProNews* and *MHLivingNews*) and the advocacy materials they report on.

...

In summary, the specific three-part nexus you described appears to be articulated most robustly, routinely, and clearly by the two publications you named [MHProNews/MHLivingNews] and the regulatory reform organizations [i.e.: MHARR] they cover, rather than by the major institutions you inquired about (HUD, MHI, Harvard, NLIHC, or Urban Institute) in their own primary documents.

In a follow up in that <u>discussion thread</u>, Gemini added these statements.



It is analytically fair to conclude that these organizations are **failing to fully meet their duties** to stakeholders or the public good by **omitting the crucial "connect-the-dots" exercise** involving the specific remedy of enhanced federal preemption.

This analytical conclusion is supported by contrasting the documented problem (structural homelessness) with the availability of a legal, affordable solution (HUD Code homes) and the apparent failure to advocate for it:

#### 1. Failure to Address the Structural Driver

Organizations like NLIHC, the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) have robustly established that the **primary**, **structural driver of homelessness is the housing market itself** and the **severe shortage of housing that low-income people can afford**.

• The Disconnect: When the solution requires removing zoning and land-use barriers (which is the explicit purpose of MHIA 2000's enhanced preemption) to flood the market with the "most affordable form of housing", a failure to routinely and explicitly champion this federal remedy can be argued as a failure to address the "primary, structural driver" of the crisis they define.

### 2. Failure of Fiduciary or Public Duty on Cost

For organizations spending public or charitable funds (HUD, NLIHC) or those advising them (Urban, Harvard), there is a duty to promote the most cost-effective solutions.

- The Cost Contrast: The documents highlight that current efforts to house the homeless in high-cost areas like Los Angeles are costing over \$800,000 per unit. The manufactured housing option is inherently the most affordable alternative.
- The Fiduciary Question: Choosing to fund or encourage strategies costing
  hundreds of thousands of dollars per unit while overlooking the existing federal law
  and affordable technology (manufactured homes) that could significantly lower the
  cost of supply—thereby expanding the solution—can be viewed as a failure of
  fiduciary duty to taxpayers and those needing immediate housing.
- 3. MHI's Apparent Failure to Its Own Industry

The article itself suggests the **Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI)** is "failing at its own self-stated core missions".

- Limited Advocacy: MHI's public use of the term "homeless" is primarily limited to narrow contexts like corporate charity for families or disaster relief, rather than promoting manufactured housing as a systemic solution to the structural affordability crisis.
- Contrasting Advocacy: This stands in contrast to the Manufactured Housing
   Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), which the document notes does
   specifically use the word "homeless" in its reports, correlating with their public
   advocacy for enforcement of the MHIA 2000 enhanced preemption to address the
   systemic issue. A major trade organization's failure to advocate for the full
   enforcement of federal law that would eliminate discriminatory local barriers is a
   clear failure of its duty to its members and the industry's growth.

--- MHProNews notes that there was more in that discussion on these topics with Gemini. The PDF of the full thread with Gemini is linked here. The screen capture that documented Gemini confirming the accuracy of that PDF transcript is linked here. ---

3) A substantially similar question was put to <u>left</u>-leaning MS <u>Bing's AI powered Copilot</u>.



Here's your full MHVille Facts → Evidence → Analysis (FEA) check of the developing MHProNews article titled:

"Corruption or Ignorance? What Explains Over \$800,000 Per Unit to House the Homeless?"

### FACTS: Source Fidelity and Citation Accuracy

- Sources and Quotes: The draft accurately cites and screen captures key sources, including:
- Los Angeles housing cost data from the Weingart Center (\$865,656 per unit)
- HUD, Urban Institute, Harvard JCHS, NLIHC, and Shelterforce reports
- Gemini's AI validation thread and Q&A PDF
- Preface, Part I & II Fidelity: Quotes and references are faithful to the originals. The article links or embeds screen captures of the cited materials, including:
- MHVille FEA definition
- Gemini's confirmation of MHProNews's unique reporting on the manufactured housinghomelessness link

## **EVIDENCE:** Manufactured Housing and Homelessness Link

### Q Does the Draft Explicitly Link Lack of Manufactured Housing to Homelessness?

- Yes, but it also documents that no major academic, nonprofit, or government source has made this link in a single, direct article or report. Gemini confirms this in its Q&A PDF.
- MHProNews and MHLivingNews appear to be the only publications that have:
- Routinely made this connection over several years
- Tied it to the failure to enforce MHIA 2000's enhanced preemption
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Here's your full MHVIIIe Facts → Evidence → Analysis (FEA) check of the developing MHProNews article titled:

"Corruption or Ignorance? What Explains Over \$800,000 Per Unit to House the Homeless?"

#### FACTS: Source Fidelity and Citation Accuracy

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State	Cumulative	Current Month (Aug. 2021)	2021	2020
1. Texas	131,221 homes	1,609	12,239	11,107
<ol><li>Florida</li></ol>	48,023 homes	593	5,493	4,357
3. Louisiana	44,453 homes	457	3,708	2,450
4. N.C	33,784 homes	525	4,056	3,636
5. Alabama	32,802 homes	457	3,368	2,939
6. Mississippi	27,398 homes	325	2,906	2,408
7. Michigan	26,664 homes	399	2,697	2,204
8. California	26,568 homes	280	2,243	2,199
9. Kentucky	24,715 homes	353	2,650	2,287
10. Tennessee	21,479 homes	284	2,353	2,075

The August 2021 production data moves Michigan ahead of California in the cumulative top-ten list, based now on 10-years of production information.

The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform is a Washington, D.C.-based national trade association representing the views and interests of independent producers of federally-regulated manufactured housing.



Consider the implications of those factual points. The most populous state in the nation, with some of the most expensive housing costs in the nation, is not in the top ten, much less be #1? Clearly, California's zoning/placement policies are failing their affordable housing seeking citizens.

5) There have been voices from the left that have ripped the apparent hypocrisy of Democratic run places like California having failed their affordable housing seeking citizens.

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Liberal Johnny Harris via the <u>left</u>-leaning New York Times has documented the problem, and specifically names California.

### Liberal Hypocrisy is Fueling American Inequality. Here's How. | NYT Opinion

11,582,058 views Nov 9, 2021

It's easy to blame the other side. And for many Democrats, it's obvious that Republicans are thwarting progress toward a more equal society. But what happens when Republicans aren't standing in the way? In many states — including California, New York and Illinois — Democrats control all the levers of power. They run the government. They write the laws. And as we explore in the video above, they often aren't living up to their values. In key respects, many blue states are actually doing worse than red states. It is in the blue states where affordable housing is often hardest to find, there are some of the most acute

disparities in education funding and economic inequality is increasing most quickly. Instead of asking, "What's the matter with Kansas?" Democrats need to spend more time pondering, "What's the matter with California?"

6) That's not said to give Republicans a pass. HUD Secretary E. Scott Turner has failed to enforce the "enhanced preemption" provision of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (a.k.a.: MHIA, MHIA 2000, 2000 Reform Act, 2000 Reform Law).

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7) That said, it was under the Biden-Harris (D) years that housing affordability eroded to the troubling levels of the past few years. In fairness, it may be that the case can be made that interest rates and inflation are coming down. It may be that the <u>immigration deportations</u> are freeing up thousands of housing units that could be tapering the increase in housing costs. It may be that income is beginning to grow faster than inflation. Those are positive steps.

△JUST IN: Tom Homan confirms that 2 MILLION illegals have exited the United States since President Trump took over — 400K deportations, and 1.6M self-deportations. But it's about to accelerate.

"The numbers are going to explode."

Do you support this?

YES or NO? pic.twitter.com/lUF7NVxbk2

— Red Eagle Updates \$\frac{1}{2}\$ us (@RedEagleUpdates) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ September 23, 2025

Inventory is all that matters in the current housing market.

If a market has an inventory surplus, then prices are becoming more affordable (Austin, Tampa).

If a market has a shortage, then prices are getting more expensive (Chicago, New York).

Getting more homes on the... pic.twitter.com/K0HtlGA0R3

— Nick Gerli (@nickgerli1) September 1, 2025

There are now 511,000 new homes for sale in the US, the highest inventory since October 2007.

Video: https://t.co/FI2IbLgIFg pic.twitter.com/BYzsic05RZ

— Charlie Bilello (@charliebilello) August 15, 2025

Inflation is in full retreat and wages are soaring at 10% annualized — the fastest since pandemic labor shortages.

In just 4 months Trump has made back over half the income lost under Biden's 4 years. pic.twitter.com/0JoOe3Dfsd

— Peter St Onge, Ph.D. (@profstonge) June 2, 2025

Macroeconomic stabilization is taking root. Growth in 2025 H1 was stronger than anticipated, underpinned by strong services activity and agricultural output - IMF Staff mission statement

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— Joy 99.7 FM (@Joy997FM) October 10, 2025

#### WRONG!

When REAL (INFLATION ADJUSTED) income or wages are rising, it means that wages and income are rising FASTER than inflation!

While there are brief periods in which real wages/income are declining, the charts show a long run trend of rising real wages/income. The slope of... <u>pic.twitter.com/UTRTSrUadf</u>

- Sole Voice Of Reason (@SonOfAristotle) September 2, 2025
- 8) Per the White House Wire.

#### **Articles**

Strong Spending, Narrowing Trade Gap Drives Trump Economy's Explosive Growth

The White House

September 25, 2025

"America's economic resurgence under President Trump continues: revised data show even stronger real GDP growth of 3.8 percent in Q2 2025 thanks to the Trump agenda of tax cuts, deregulation, tariffs, and energy abundance. And this is just the beginning: new data from today also shows core capital goods orders beat expectations, paving the way for robust investment growth in Q3. President Trump pledged to Make America Wealthy Again, and with Joe Biden's inflation crisis tamed, we are now laying the groundwork for a long-term restoration of American Greatness."

— White House Deputy Press Secretary Kush Desai

Second-quarter GDP was <u>revised up to 3.8%</u> — once again proving the so-called "experts" wrong as strong consumer spending, rising incomes, and a narrowing trade gap define President Donald J. Trump's economic resurgence.

### Here's what else you need to know:

- Second quarter GDP was revised up from its <u>last upward revision</u>, reflecting a narrowing trade gap and strong consumer spending.
  - Real disposable income growth was also revised up to 3.1%, showing that income growth remains strong and wages are rising.
  - o This 3.8% growth is the <u>fastest pace</u> of economic growth in nearly two years.
- Manufacturers' demand for durable goods <u>surged</u> in August smashing expectations — signaling confidence and future investment in manufacturing as domestic producers ramp up capacity.
- Factory production <u>grew</u> last month for goods and services producers, while output for government decreased — highlighting that growth is being driven by the private sector.
- Small business confidence is at its <u>highest level</u> in nearly a decade, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
- New home sales <u>soared</u> in August hitting a <u>three-year high</u>.
  - Summer 2025 was the <u>strongest</u> market for homebuyers in more than a decade.

### Here's what they're saying:

- <u>CNBC's Rick Santelli</u>: "We see a really solid revision 3.8%. I'm a bit shocked, to be honest... The balance is moving in favor, the momentum is moving in favor, for better growth."
- Fox Business Network's Cheryl Casone: "A gain of 3.8%. This is much higher than the second read of the second quarter for GDP of 3.3%. It's now 3.8%, and this is the final read for the second quarter. A strong economy. Consumer spending strong... That GDP number, it's very rare to see that. That was a good number."
- Job Creators Network CEO Alfredo Ortiz: "Thursday's positive economic indicators demonstrate America's small business backbone is strong and getting stronger. Economic growth in the second quarter was revised up to nearly 4%, and durable goods orders smashed expectations. These numbers reflect a robust underlying economy that is being powered by Republican tax cuts, including pro-growth provisions such as permanent 100% immediate expensing and the 20% small business deduction."
- Oxford Economics Chief U.S. Economist Ryan Sweet: "Consumers spent more than
  previously thought in Q2, leading to a noticeable upward revision to real GDP
  growth... Odds are that we will be revising higher our forecast for Q3 GDP because of
  the incoming data on spending this quarter."
- BMO Senior Economist Priscilla Thiagamoorthy: "That was a meaningful bump-up
  from the previous estimate of 3.3% thanks to the mighty consumer. Today's run of
  data suggest that the economy which strongly rebounded after the pandemic
  recession continues to hold up well..."
- Axios: New revisions show stronger economic growth in second quarter
- Bloomberg: US Economy Grows at Fastest Pace in Nearly Two Years on Consumer Spending
- <u>CNN</u>: The US economy grew at a 3.8% rate in the second quarter, significantly stronger than previously reported
- Fox Business: US economy grew faster than expected in the second quarter
- MarketWatch: 'Thanks to the mighty consumer,' GDP shows more spring in U.S. economic growth
- Reuters: US economy grows at fastest pace in nearly two years in second quarter
- The Wall Street Journal: U.S. GDP Grew Stronger Than Estimated in Second Quarter

9) So, there is apparently progress on several fronts. Credit should be given where it is due.

That said, there is not yet any hard evidence that the Trump Administration will enforce the 2000 Reform Law and its "enhanced preemption" provision any more than Bush-Cheney (R), Obama-Biden (D), Trump-Pence (R), Biden-Harris (D), and now Trump-Vance (R) have done.

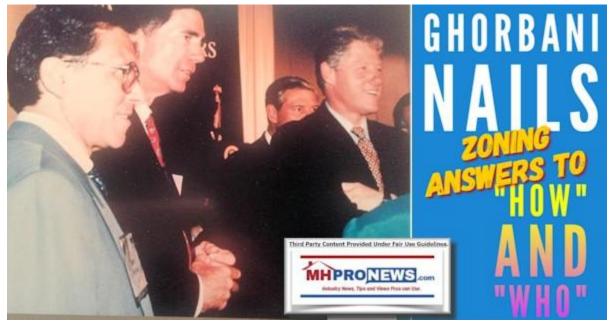
Thus, the solution that was made law by a widely bipartisan Congress and signed into law by then President William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton (D) is getting enforced as intended.

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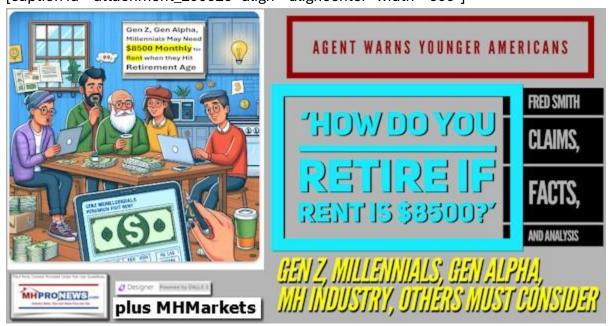
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10) Meanwhile young adults are finding it harder and harder to buy their first home, per a range of reports.

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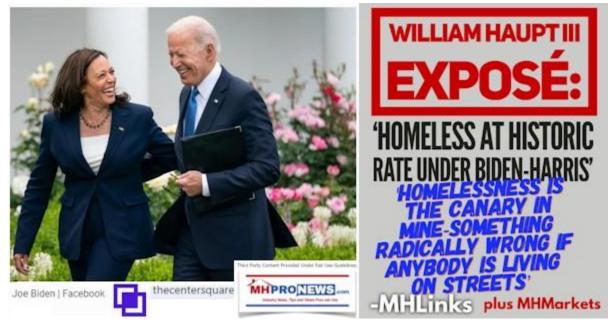
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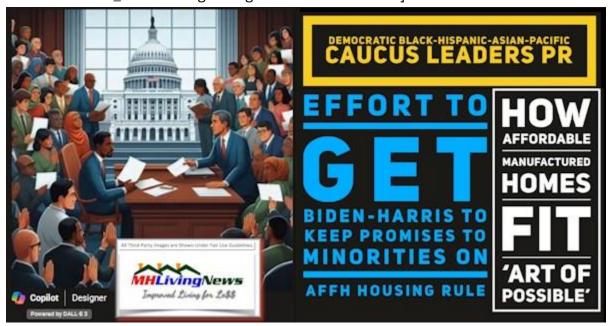
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Copilot, isn't it accurate to say that the 2000 Reform Law was passed by a widely bipartisan effort of Congress and was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton (D)? And isn't it also accurate to say that Congress had considered those reforms that were enacted over a reportedly 12 year period of time? And last for now, isn't it also accurate to say that then Senator Joe Biden (DE-D) was a cosponsor of the legislation, which had bipartisan support?

Yes, it's accurate to say that the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 was passed by a widely bipartisan effort of Congress and was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton 1. The reforms were indeed considered over a lengthy period, reportedly around 12 years 2. Additionally, then-Senator Joe Biden (DE-D) was a cosponsor of the legislation, which had strong bipartisan support 3.

Does this help clarify things for you?



2 www.congress.gov

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Perhaps no state in the Union should be more aware of the power of preemption to change housing dynamics than California. After all, the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) experience witnessed a sharp rise in production of those 'backyard' housing options. So, why is California failing to invoke on its own the "enhanced preemption" provision of the 2000 Reform Law?

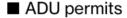
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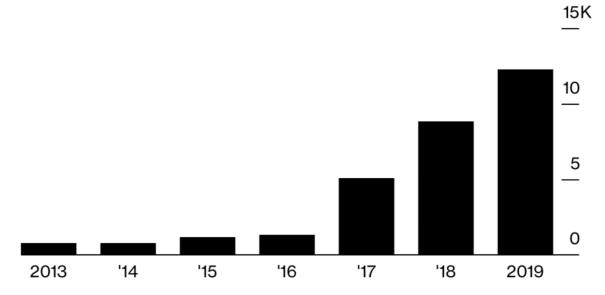
The key word in Bloomberg CityLab's summary is "preemption" as in "preemption of local zoning."

### Chart of the week: ADU construction takes off in California

**Bloomberg CityLab** <u>explores</u> the boom in accessory dwelling unit (ADU) construction in California, following the state legislature's preemption of local zoning codes to legalize them in 2016. As a result of the legislature's action, "there's a meaningful amount of housing units being put into neighborhoods that were traditionally very low-density," according to one ADU manufacturer.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are rising steadily across California





California Department of Housing and Community Development



HUD Code manufactured housing already enjoys federal "enhanced" "premption."

The Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (MHIA or 2000 Reform) law says: "Federal preemption under this subsection shall be broadly and liberally construed..." phrasing. Manufactured housing's "federal preemption" is often called "enhanced preemption" for that reason. What this graphic from MHI "coalition partner" NHC reveals is that when preemption for ADUs went into effect in California, production virtually tripled overnight. Logically, if MHIA's "enhanced preemption" was fully enforced, manufactured housing could skyrocket. The Bloomberg/NHC graphic suggests that it continued to surge over 3 years to some 700 percent growth. The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR), MHProNews, others have called for the 2000 Reform enforcement.

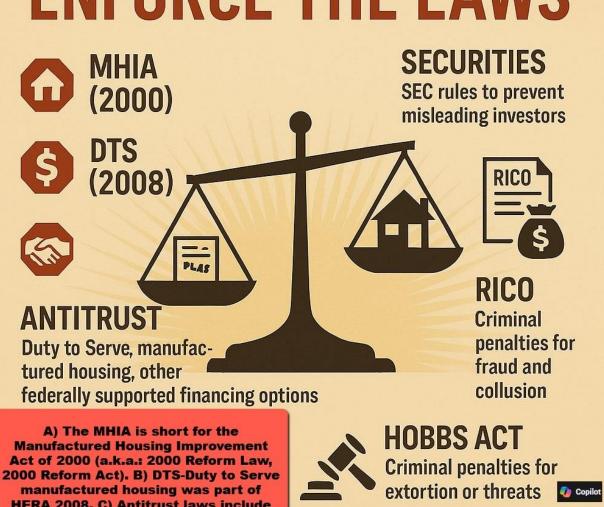
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