



Tom York on Business: Guide to Building 'Granny Flats' in San Diego Is a Planning Success

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The APA recognized the handbook's lead designer, the M.W. Steele Group, an architectural firm in Barrio Logan, and also recognized individual coalition members, including the City of San Diego, the Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors, the San Diego Housing Federation, LISC San Diego and two former councilmembers, Scott Sherman and David Alvarez.

"The handbook was a great accomplishment," said Alvarez in a prepared statement. "But the legacy of this partnership is the continued efforts to facilitate construction of ADUs so that San Diegans ... help with the housing crisis."



A "granny flat." Image from Companion Unit Handbook





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North County Report: Oceanside Sidesteps the Real Homelessness Issue

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Oceanside has begun dismantling homeless encampments, covering sidewalks in rocks to prevent people from living on them and putting people without homes in motel rooms on short-term agreements with strict, conditional terms. City leaders have described each of these as necessary steps to crack down on people gathering and sleeping on city streets and sidewalks.

But in the process, they're side-stepping a long-existing and underlying problem: There aren't enough shelter beds or affordable homes for the city's growing homeless population.



(Photo by Joe Orellana / Voice of San Diego)

Blackstone Group to buy 66 apartment complexes in San Diego for more than \$1 billion

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New York-based Blackstone is purchasing roughly 5,800 apartment units from the Conrad Prebys Foundation. It said it intends to spend \$100 million to improve the new assets.





Los Angeles's quixotic quest to end homelessness

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The dispute highlights the difficulties of solving the growing homelessness crisis in many of America's cities. As the issues become more visible to residents, searches for a quick fix can direct government funds toward bad policies. In reality, the crisis of homelessness is inextricable from the existing national shortage of affordable housing, which itself is the result of numerous policy choices made every day by local and state governments.



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Creating equitable infrastructure is essential to addressing racism in our country

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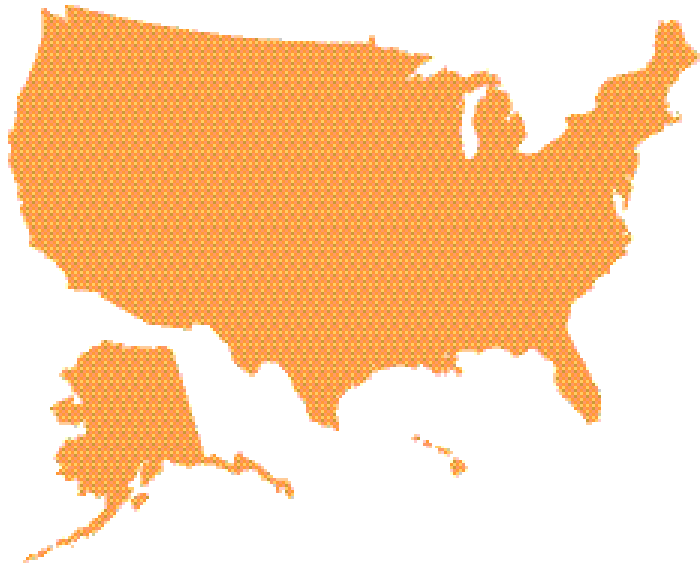
Today, housing comprises 18% of the U.S. GDP. The more we invest in affordable housing, the more economic opportunities we create, including for the people of color and low-income individuals that have been disproportionately harmed by inequities baked into American infrastructure policies. Building just 100 affordable rental homes can generate \$11.7 million in local income and 161 jobs in the first year.

California Governor Proposes \$12B to House State's Homeless

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Newsom's proposal includes \$8.75 billion over two years to create an estimated 46,000 housing units, expanding on a program he launched last year to convert motels and other properties into housing. Nearly half the money would go toward housing in places where people with mental health and other behavioral issues can get services onsite.





Global Multifamily Modular and Prefabricated Housing Construction Market Report 2021: COVID-19 Impacts, Growth and Change to 2030

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Initiatives by governments across countries to promote sustainable buildings and wastage reduction along with mandating the use of modular and prefabricated systems is a major trend shaping the growth of the multifamily modular and prefabricated housing construction market.

Boston Housing Authority Settles Claims of Disability Discrimination Against Tenants at South Boston Complex

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The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) has agreed to pay up to \$55,000 and develop new housing accommodation policies to settle allegations that it denied a family with a parent and child who have significant health issues access to suitable housing.



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New Developments Lower Rents in Surrounding Neighborhoods, Study Says

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The researchers argue that new apartment developments achieve price reductions in nearby neighborhoods by absorbing high-income households and increasing local housing stock. “If buildings improve nearby amenities, the effect is not large enough to increase rents. Amenity improvements could be limited because most buildings go into already-changing neighborhoods, or buildings could create disamenities such as congestion,” reads the abstract.

