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Neighborhood Infill

Creating Single-family Affordable Housing in San Antonio's Historic Westside Community

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Conversation:

The nation is facing an affordable housing gap with a shortage of homes for low-income families, limiting the living options for disadvantaged residents. As the city's rapid development is leaving poverty-stricken city-center areas for economically viable suburban sprawl, it is leaving these vulnerable neighborhoods abandoned.

Stakes:

How can neighborhood infill solve the housing scarcity for low-income families, design for modern and affordable single-family homes, and its effect of placement in existing city-centre neighborhoods?

Betterment:

Targeting the historic Westside would create affordable housing for low-income families while further revitalizing the city-center neighborhood into a vibrant and sustainable area of living. Housing would be the first phase into a revitalization plan of the historic and culturally-rich neighborhood into a transit-oriented, eco-friendly, and economically successful community.

Profile:

Born and raised in San Antonio, I have seen how this city has grown. My career goals are to base my work on further developing the city, either in architecture, planning, social work, etc. I would like to work with my community to improve the lifestyle of the residents, to make the city a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable place to live.

