

COMMENTS FROM FACEBOOK POST:

"I did the same thing. I didn't care for the line of questioning and where it was going. We moved here because of the space and relative privacy that the valley afforded us. I don't want to see our beautiful valley taken over by subdivisions and super stacked housing. While I agree that housing could be more affordable, I also see a need for better job pay and a willingness to work."

"Are you freaking kidding me? Are your eyes completely closed to the desperate situations that FAMILIES are living in at the moment. And when I say families I mean ya 2 WORKING parents and children living in conditions that you would t let your enemies cows live in. All while greedy people take advantage of the influx of people the temple brought us. But ya guess it isn't your problem and you don't have to get involved. But need should you actively try to hamper people trying to help with your crazy space conspiracy theories. Bring something helpful to the table, offer an alternative or feasible solution or butt out. I didn't want to see my home invaded and over ran by people fleeing the conditions we have now and that are getting worse (funny how those issues started popping up after said people flooded in) but it happened. Now we have the same median income that we had in the 90s and a cost of living near to equaling Jackson hole. We need competitive pay, job growth and Affordable AVAILABLE housing but most of all people willing to help their neighbors and not saying they don't need to get involved. Rant over.

"We have gotten used to looking to the federal government to solve our problems. These are real and need to be addressed. But thinking that infusing an area with federal funding is going to somehow fix it... Invent non existent jobs so people have work?

I am aware of the problem in Jackson that has lower income job needs but not the housing that is affordable with that income. But the solution must come from the city itself. Jobs in the valley are a problem, but that is the nature of this valley. Housing is limited... But again... The solution is investors in the valley being willing to build here... Which is in the arena of building costs as the whether there is incentives for them to invest.

Again... Local communities. Texas is taking advantage of what is going on in California by offering business incentives to companies to come there. As they do, then counties are giving great incentives to builders to Invest in those areas. Companies are offering good incentives to workers to come to the communities and work. But it is at the state then local levels working together to build the infrastructure to support the people living there.

It builds the communities and increases community monies. Big network that is resources locally."

“One of the main issues with housing in this Valley, is the number of homes that sit completely vacant for part, half, or most of the year.”

“Housing for Working class familys is the biggest need! Not low income, not project type housing.... Just good old fashion single family homes, that don't cost 1400-2000 a month.”

“Where do you propose the low income families live? When you say working class do you mean 50k? 30k? When 2 adults both have full time jobs and still make poverty level income are they not still working class. I am not trying to start a fight I just would like some clarification as to what you mean when you say working class. I agree ^{100%} about the empty homes. That is a result of greed and/or people or agents not willing to rent. However, in recent years we have had tremendous population growth and weather we asked for it or not this creates a need for housing. I hate the thought of living in an apartment it it is better than a 5th wheel with ice on the inside of the walls.”

“Thank you for posting this. With current wages, lack of housing, and high rent prices, more housing that is affordable is needed. Even one or two more complexes like Swift Creek would be a blessing; maybe one for 55+. We currently have families living in situations that are barely acceptable. We also have families where both parents work full-time (some good paying jobs) that still can't afford a good home. There are also tons of people registered as homeless right now, just trying to make it to tomorrow.”

”I see the real need for some possible grassroots brainstorming how to get investors and developers considering here... And finding out what restrictions are in place for single family/multi family developments. As well as what property is available for that with existing zoning...

Once those questions are answered as well as restrictions resolved, how to go about getting our need out to developers to consider our location for their investment.

I still don't think government is the answer, but most certainly is essential to partnering in paving the way for new development that strategically focuses on the median income family housing needed.”

“It's not as simple as just having more houses. Infrastructure of the area is a cost. Traffic also adds another dimension. Retaining open land zones mixed into the development as well, all get considered when establishing, basically, what are new neighborhoods in a community. Even small ones! Is there even any land available?

Good grassroots discussion and laying the ground work to get those answers along with the needs assessment the creators of that form might help get forward movement on this, because it sure is needed!”

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There are too many people that move back to "home" and expect to find a decent home for a cheap price. I get trying to live by family, but if you don't have housing lined up, don't move back. There's are lots of jobs here and around SV. My husband has to drive 65 miles to Soda to work, but we knew that when we moved here and to make it work for us we make the sacrifice. There are tons of places around Star Valley that have housing and jobs so maybe some of these people should move there.

We need more help for seniors and young families. Neither group makes enough monthly to pay rent, utilities and food.

Im lucky enough to own an affordable home. There is a huge lack of affordable housing From Alpine to Thayne..we definitely need some rent controlled units that are both family and pet friendly.

I know many people that are employed and still can't afford housing or are raising their children in cockroach infested houses or fifth wheels. This valley is in desperate need of affordable housing.

Way too many houses sit empty for part or most of the year. Those that are for rent, the rent is not in line with wages for the valley.

We lived in a camper all last summer because we were unable to find a home to live in. Not because we weren't working and couldn't afford it, my husband and I both work FT. There's just an extreme shortage of places to live. We would love to see the government step in and help the many people who are in similar situations. We are lucky enough that our friend is allowing us to stay with him over the winter

We have found that rentals in our price range are not in good condition. Ex. Mold issues, not energy efficient (breezy windows, outdated heating systems that require us to provide our own portable heaters, old, barely working appliances). Landlords have so many people looking for housing that it feels like we just have to put up with it or we won't have somewhere to live.

Lincoln County needs to plow the roads and parking lots that used to get plowed every winter. We paid for this with tax dollars and permit fees!

The rental properties available are priced way too high for the valley. \$1000/per month average is not attainable for those looking for a rental, plus first, last and deposit which could be around \$4000 up front.