

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

# The ALICE Framework in SF

Applying Economic Hardship Metrics to SF Homelessness Prevention & Oversight

# Defining the ALICE Benchmark

- **Beyond Federal Poverty Level:** ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) captures households earning above FPL but below basic survival costs.
- **San Francisco Budget Gap:** A family of 3 requires **\$154,100/year** (\$12,800/month) to live in SF—41% higher than the CA state average.
- **Policy Relevance:** Exposes working families trapped between losing safety-net subsidies and remaining unable to afford basic housing.



# SF Family Homelessness Data



*Family homelessness surged in SF due to wage stagnation against escalating cost of living. 90% of unsheltered families reside in vehicles, mirroring the ALICE vulnerability profile.*

# Strategic Action Items



**Adopt Secondary Benchmark:** Integrate the SF Household Survival Budget alongside standard FPL metrics in HSH homelessness prevention reporting.



**Track Subsidy & Benefit Cliffs:** Monitor post-subsidy risk windows (CalWORKs, CalFresh, Rapid Rehousing exit dates) to intervene before housing loss occurs.



**Proactive Targeting:** Use ALICE economic indicators as an early warning system to direct prevention funds to vulnerable working households.

# Questions & Discussion

Executive Summary | SF Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing Oversight

San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission Briefing

# Image Sources



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