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Question: What is affordable housing? Why is it so important?

Answer: Affordable (or workforce) housing is the availability of residences — both rentals and ownership opportunities — that fit the economic means of a majority of residents. In a metropolitan area like South Florida, that may mean homes under \$200,000 while in small towns or rural areas, it may be those \$50,000 or less. Without adequate workforce housing, large segments of our community who are priced out of homes may move. Without employees, services and businesses fail and, as a result, the community may fail. Then, everyone suffers, which is why the realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale is an active partner with the Broward Housing Partnership. Realtors see firsthand the need for affordable housing ... and the challenges inherent in providing homes for working families. That's why they are leading advocates for the preservation of the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Funds. Our state officials need to stop diverting monies from their original purpose and support model county and city ordinances to in order to create these funds. Our Association also is committed to working with the public and private sectors to expand availability of workforce housing across Broward County. It's an issue that affects us all, which is why we must start converting talk into action. The time is now to make a real economic development impact in our community. A good place to start is by joining realtors in support of the Broward Housing Partnership.

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