




The Role of Manufactured Home Communities (MHCs) in Affordable Housing

Key Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Mexico lacks around 32,000 affordable housing units. ● Manufactured homes provide a significant source of affordable housing in New Mexico, especially for low-income and senior households
Challenges Facing MHC Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With the increase in out-of-state and private equity buyouts, many MHC residents find themselves unable to keep up with skyrocketing rents, poor maintenance, and absent management. ● There is no public enforcement of NM housing laws and dwindling options for residents who need legal help. ● Manufactured homes can often not structurally withstand a move. Even if they can, the cost to move a manufactured home is often cost prohibitive.
The Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To keep up with ever increasing rents, residents must cut back on other necessities like food and prescriptions to avoid eviction. ● When residents are evicted, they often have no choice but to abandon their largest asset - their home. ● Predatory corporations buy the abandoned homes for pennies on the dollar.

Preserving Manufactured Home Communities Through Resident Ownership

- ROCs allow residents to collectively purchase and manage their manufactured home community.
 - ROCs provide stability, prevent displacement, and offer residents control over community decisions and rent.
- With ROCs, rents are used to preserve and improve existing communities. The money stays local rather than going to out of state corporations.

Legislative Options for Preserving MHCs

	<p><i>Amend the New Mexico Mobile Home Park Act to grant residents the opportunity to purchase their park in the event of a sale.</i></p>
	<p><i>Establish a system of public enforcement for existing housing laws.</i></p>
	<p><i>Increase civil legal service funding to ensure that residents facing legal issues in their park have access to meaningful legal help.</i></p>