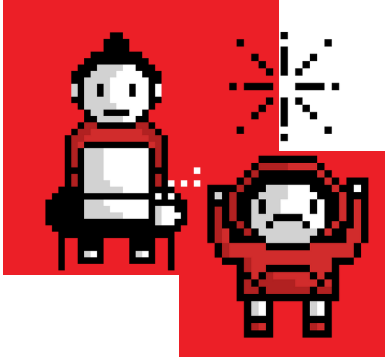




Why is rent in San Francisco so expensive?

It's **not** just because of tech workers!



They do have more money to spend, but tech salaries are not the main culprit behind the housing crisis.

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The San Francisco Democratic Socialists of America has a Housing Committee dedicated to making San Francisco a place where **everyone** has a place to live. You can get involved today by going to <https://sast.org/>

Well, where do I start?

Well, what can we do?

If we can get San Francisco to:

- Create and support public housing
- Pass vacancy taxes, and other anti-investment measures
- Protect tenants from eviction
- Promote local and alternative housing ownership



We can end the housing crisis!

It's not that easy! Private developers only want to build more market-rate housing. And market-rate housing simply attracts **more and more** investors.



Can't we just build more?

Big banks have invented a number of ways to make **big** housing profits at the expense of regular folks. Real Estate Investment Trusts, or REITs, for example, allow investors to make a fat profit from higher rents...



And wealthy overseas investors seek out hot housing markets, like San Francisco, to park their cash away from foreign authorities and taxes...



...causing epidemic homelessness and sky-high rents