Housing Opportunities for All: A Collaboration on Addressing Affordable Housing and Solving Housing Insecurity in the Treasure Valley

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VIP TEAM
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WE ARE
● 2 professors and 8 students, both graduate and undergraduate with various majors
● Project commenced in Fall 2020

GOALS
● Define current affordable housing issues in the Treasure Valley
● Research trends and solutions in affordable housing, determine what is feasible in Idaho
● Each student will become a subject matter expert in one or more areas in affordable housing
● Students will collaborate on projects, practice public speaking and communication, and use data collection and research methods to further their understanding of affordable housing

BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTIVE
The mission of the Boise Neighborhood Interactive, “to empower and engage residents to take responsibility for creating and sustaining welcoming and livable neighborhoods through information, shared resources, collaboration, and training.”

● OUR PRESENTATION:
  ○ An Introduction to Affordable Housing
  ○ Affordable housing programs in the United States
  ○ International Affordable Housing Case Studies: Australia and the UK
  ○ Affordable housing programs in Boise

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EXPLORING LITERATURE
● Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City
  ○ An ethnographic account in Milwaukee, WI.
  ○ Our introduction to affordable housing and housing insecurity
● Articles and News
● The Affordable Housing Reader

LEARNING AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
● Learning how to collaborate with others who have different skill sets and backgrounds
  ○ Creating presentations for conferences
● Collaborating as a team and smaller groups
  ○ Weekly meetings for discussion and checking in on project progress.
  ○ Work with 1-2 other people on smaller project aspects

ISSUES IN THE TREASURE VALLEY AND FURTHER PLANS
● Enhance our Local Focus
  ○ Make a stakeholder map in the Treasure Valley
● Network with Treasure Valley stakeholders
  ○ Host guest speakers to guide and inform our research
● Build our interview skills
  ○ Discover the pain points and local barriers in providing affordable housing
● Research Solutions

We will continue to maintain a focus on equity in public housing while conducting research and engaging with stakeholders with the ultimate goal of providing policy solutions.