

Housing Affordability

The only way to reduce housing prices is to increase the supply of homes. Our public policy posture should be focused on bringing new units into the marketplace at every price point, including the provision of deeply-affordable units for the working-poor segments of our population, multi-bedroom housing that is affordable for working families, and all styles of workforce housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development must reinvent its approach to housing and urban development -- and that will take legislation that reshapes our national housing policy. I will call for new legislation: the Housing Access and Affordability Act of 2025 -- which will make it easier for affordable housing developers and non-profit organizations to access federal financing to construct new units on underutilized urban land.

Protecting Children Online

For decades, Congress has failed to protect our children on the internet. I will demand that Hollywood and Silicon Valley put our priorities -- protecting our children -- before their priorities. The Big Tech companies have ignored the psychological harms that their social media platforms have on young users. New consumer protections are needed to keep these platforms out of the hands of children -- like were once legislated to reign in the abusive practices of the tobacco industry when they targeted minors. We will require paywalls to access pornography so that minors can't have easy and free access to it. We will demand that tech companies do more to prevent human trafficking and use artificial intelligence to identify sex trafficking in our midst. For too long, Silicon Valley has turned a blind eye to the sex trade that is enabled with their platforms and technologies.

Safe Streets and the Unhoused

All Californians -- and all Americans -- deserve safe streets and healthy neighborhoods. The mental health crisis that is taking place on our streets is undeniable. America can do better in providing troubled individuals the help that they need to redirect the trajectory of their lives. Access to better support services is just the beginning. These challenges demand values education programs and anti-addiction curriculum in our schools. Coupled with more holistic reentry programs for formerly incarcerated persons, we can make our streets safe everywhere -- and we can do so compassionately.

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Tribal Chairwoman - Proud Mother of Five Environmentalist - Businesswoman

"California can be a better, more affordable place where opportunities abound for every community in every corner of the State. I'm going to fight to make California an even more incredible place to live, work, and play. I want to work for you -- to create more living wage jobs, to improve our schools, and to make public safety a public priority again. With two decades of experience building a recycling company, starting a charitable foundation, and now leading a Tribal government, I know what it takes to find solutions, to bring people together, and to get things done."

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