<u>The Organizing Framework</u> that was developed by the Alameda County Council on Age-Friendly Communities' Housing Crisis Workgroup is intended to communicate the unique needs of seniors to policy makers and county leadership in order to direct resources (both funding and services) to actually serve seniors' needs. This framework is helping us all understand the importance of "moving upstream" to prevent displacement and homelessness in the first place.

BOTTOM LINE: Seniors often have fewer resources and more barriers to accessing existing housing support. They are also more likely to experience negative health outcomes as a result of housing insecurity, housing loss or homelessness.

## Housing Stress = Life Stress Precipitating Factors **Housing Stressors** Resulting Impacts Inadequate Affordable Relationship loss Health issues Displacement Housing Stock + Living on Cognitive decline Fixed or Limited Incomes + Challenges with Lack of Consumer Housing Increasing Levels of activities of daily Protections + Racial Instability / Stress and Impact on living (ADLs/iADLs) Discrimination in Housing At-Risk of Health and Quality of Life Sudden increase in and Financial Access + Homelessness / housing and other Lack of Services Couch Surfing expenses (often medical) Literally Homeless Difficulty managing money Job loss Predatory lending