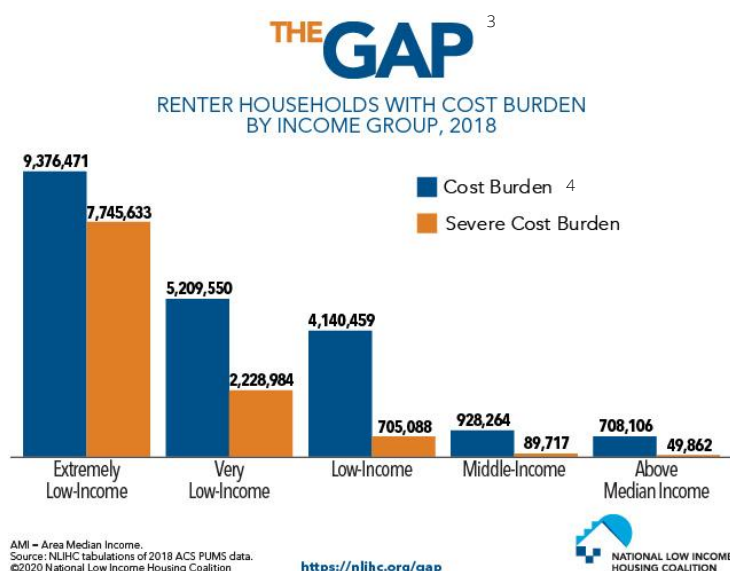


THE EVICTION CRISIS MATTERS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE ... AND HERE'S WHY:

72% OF RENTERS OWN PETS¹ AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES ESTIMATES THAT 11 MILLION PETS COULD BE DISPLACED IN 2020 WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTION.²



30-40 million

RENTERS ARE AT RISK OF BEING EVICTED IN 2020 BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19.⁵

- FAMILIES ARE LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH THE HEART-WRENCHING DECISION OF CHOOSING BETWEEN A PLACE TO LIVE AND PETS THEY LOVE.
- PETS WHO HAD LOVING HOMES AND FAMILIES MAY BE PUT AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.
- LOCAL SHELTERS AND RESCUES MAY BECOME SEVERELY OVER-BURDENED BY DRASTIC INCREASES IN PET SURRENDERS.



BLACK AND LATINX HOUSEHOLDS ARE ALMOST 2X AS LIKELY TO RENT AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE HOUSING INSECURITY DURING THE PANDEMIC.⁶

NEARLY 10 MILLION LOW-AND EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS WERE SEVERELY HOUSING-BURDENED (50% OR MORE OF INCOME SPENT ON HOUSING COSTS) BEFORE COVID-19.⁷



HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION SUPPORT MEASURES TO PROTECT RENTERS?



ADD AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PRIORITY ISSUES. (SEE [OPPORTUNITY STARTS AT HOME](#))

CONNECT TO YOUR [STATE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERS](#).

[SUPPORT LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL EFFORTS](#) TO INCREASE RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND EXTEND EVICTION MORATORIUMS.

WORK WITH LANDLORD ASSOCIATIONS TO WAIVE PET SECURITY DEPOSITS AND PET RENT DURING THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC CRISIS.



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