

POLICY &



POP-UP SERIES

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, 36 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT TUCKERMAN BREWING COMPANY IN CONWAY TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“IT FEELS LIKE THE MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY IS JUST FOR THE TOURISTS. IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT'S FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY LIVE HERE.”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY

PROXIMITY TO WORLD CLASS
OUTDOOR RECREATION

LEAVE

LOW RATES OF PAY/HIGH COST OF LIVING

UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING

LACK OF CONNECTIONS (FRIENDS, PEOPLE
TO DATE, AND GATHERING PLACES)

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO INCREASE WAGES

LOWER REGULATORY BARRIERS TO DEVELOPING MORE LONG-TERM RENTAL HOUSING

INCENTIVIZE EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO OFFER AFFORDABLE LONG-TERM RENTALS

CREATE ADDITIONAL GATHERING PLACES FOR RESIDENTS AND PROMOTE THOSE THAT CURRENTLY EXIST

“THERE AREN'T ENOUGH HIGHER-LEVEL JOBS IN THE VALLEY...I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ADVANCING MY CAREER AND LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY OF MY CHOOSING.”