THE HOUSING POLICY REVOLUTION: NETWORKS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

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The Pre-Modern Era
The Modern Era and Rise of Bureaucracy
The Post Modern Era: The Housing Policy Revolution
Frank G. Mar Apartments (1988)
Frank G. Mar Apartments (2010)
Plaza Apartments
Solara
The Housing Policy Revolution

- **Weaknesses**
  - Incomplete
  - Need for more resources
  - Dependent on a strong economy
  - Need for better coordination
  - Need to link to other policy areas

- **Strengths**
  - Local knowledge/national resources at scale
  - Flexible and adaptable
  - Winning political coalition
  - Example for other policy areas
Market Creek Plaza
Charter Schools
Local knowledge and Networks are better placed to respond to challenges facing low-income communities

You go to the grocery store, and you know, they see you in your sweats, in your tennis shoes and you become one of them and that’s when they open up and talk to you. My best conversations happen there . . . everything from church, bills, and school to our programs and board members. They will talk to you about anything, maybe even come to the office, but not without the initial conversation.

Yeah, we cover a lot of ground in the grocery store.