

## Advanced Standing Programs Case Study #2

For the following case study, do the following:

Read the following case study thoroughly. Complete all tasks listed in the case study and write a 4-to-5-page paper (does not include reference page or cover sheet) to address outlined aspects of the case study. See deliverables below.

This paper:

- Will include a cover page that includes your name, the program you are applying for and the title of the case study.
- Will be double spaced with 1-inch margins in times new roman or arial
- Utilize at least 3 academic references following the instructions below, citing correctly
- Include at least one in-text citation, using appropriate formatting. This citation may be taken from one of the 3 academic references.
- Use headings and subheadings as appropriate
- Be clearly written using a professional style without grammatical errors
- Reflect your original thoughts, ideas and writing.
- Be written in total by you. No part of this original paper should have been used for another assignment, by written by any other person or by artificial intelligence.

**Your writing will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

- **Following Instructions:** Ensure that you adhere to the guidelines provided.
- **Thoroughness and Organization:** Provide comprehensive and well-structured responses.
- **Evidence of Critical Thinking and Analysis:** Show your ability to think critically and analyze information effectively.
- **Grammar and Usage:** Ensure your writing is free from grammatical and usage errors.

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Case Study: Advocating for Affordable Housing in a Low-Income Community

Background:

You are a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) practitioner working at a community advocacy organization in a large urban area. The organization is focused on addressing housing insecurity and homelessness in low-income communities. Your job involves working on a campaign to

prevent the displacement of residents from a historically low-income neighborhood that is undergoing rapid gentrification.

The neighborhood, known as Eastside, has been home to many low-income families, immigrants, and people of color for generations. However, in recent years, the area has seen an influx of development projects, luxury apartments, and commercial establishments aimed at higher-income residents. This has led to rising rents, property taxes, and housing costs, making it increasingly difficult for long-term residents to afford to stay in the neighborhood.

Many of the families in Eastside are being displaced as landlords raise rents or refuse to renew leases. Some residents have organized protests and petitioned the city council to pass rent control legislation and other protections for low-income renters. However, developers and business leaders argue that gentrification brings economic growth and that imposing rent controls would stifle investment and development.

As part of your role, you are tasked with helping the advocacy organization develop strategies for influencing local policymakers to pass rent control measures and protect affordable housing in Eastside. You are also responsible for creating a community engagement plan to ensure that the voices of long-term residents are heard in the decision-making process. This plan must take into account the diversity of this neighborhood and how cultural norms and systematic oppression will affect community member's willingness to engage.

Ethical Dilemma:

The ethical dilemma in this case revolves around balancing economic development with the protection of vulnerable communities. On one hand, gentrification can bring benefits such as improved infrastructure, new businesses, and increased tax revenue that can fund public services. On the other hand, it can lead to the displacement of long-term residents who can no longer afford to live in their community, exacerbating housing insecurity and contributing to homelessness.

As a social worker, you are committed to promoting social justice and advocating for the needs of marginalized populations. However, you also recognize that economic development can benefit the broader community. The challenge is how to advocate for policies that protect low-income residents while also considering the potential benefits of development.

Provide a critical analysis of the case, focusing on how you would assess the community's needs, develop an ethical advocacy strategy, and engage the community in the process.

**Address all the following points in your paper.**

1. Community Assessment:
  - How would you assess the needs and concerns of the residents in Eastside, particularly those at risk of displacement?

- What data would you collect to understand the scope of the housing crisis in the neighborhood?
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- 2. Ethical Decision-Making:
  - Analyze the ethical dilemma using the NASW Code of Ethics. How do the principles of social justice, dignity and worth of the person, and economic justice apply to this situation?
  - How would you balance the competing interests of developers, policymakers, and long-term residents?
- 3. Advocacy Strategy Development:
  - Develop an advocacy strategy to influence local policymakers. What tactics would you use to promote rent control and protect affordable housing in Eastside?
  - How would you engage the community in this process, and ensure that the voices of low-income residents are heard? Address cultural concerns and effects of systematic oppression.
- 4. Use of Academic Literature:
  - Research current academic literature on the effects of gentrification, housing policy, ethical social work advocacy. How does the literature inform your approach to this case?
  - Integrate this literature in the 3 sections above to support your advocacy strategy and ethical decision-making process.