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EAST PALO ALTO | City given honor for its work on affordable housing

East Palo Alto has been given a top award by the National League of Cities for its affordable housing program.

The award was presented in Washington, D.C., on Sunday. East Palo Alto, one of a handful of cities to be recognized, was honored for creating an affordable housing program that strives to help the city maintain its diversity and prevent gentrification.

While some have criticized the city's recent redevelopment programs because they have led to the displacement of residents, city officials have made shoring up the city's stock of affordable housing a priority. City leaders are especially proud that 87 percent of the units in the city's newest apartment complex, the 129-unit Peninsula Park, went to long-term residents.