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A new solution to the student housing crisis: retiree roommates?

Finding housing was one of the first challenges Alyssa Mathiowetz faced as a new graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley. She landed a room in a shared house near campus, but it came with a steep price tag: \$1,500 a month. [...]

5 Mathiowetz's rent could soon decrease, however, thanks to a new homesharing program that matches graduate students looking for housing with retirees who have extra space in their homes. Its organizers hope the program will prove successful enough to export to other UC¹ campuses.

10 College students have been hit hard by California's housing crisis, struggling to find affordable digs² near campuses that in many cases are located in the state's priciest markets.

The median apartment rent in Berkeley tops \$3,500 per month, according to real estate website Zillow. On-campus housing is scarce, and ten percent of students in a recent survey reported being homeless at some point in their college careers.

15 Meanwhile, along the city's idyllic, tree-lined streets, aging homeowners who bought in decades ago have stayed put as property values rose around them.

Staff at Berkeley's Retirement Center started strategizing last year about how to bring the two groups together. They won a grant from the chancellor's office for a pilot program that will match six students with senior hosts for the spring semester.

20 "People want to continue living in their homes, and people are living longer and retiring later," said Andy Gaines, the executive director of Ashby Village, a non-profit serving senior citizens that's partnering with UC Berkeley on the project. "And oftentimes as people retire from the workforce and their friends and family die or move away, they are left more isolated."

25 Sharing their homes with students can provide seniors with a sense of community, Gaines said.

Students will pay below-market rent—less than \$1,000 per month—for bedrooms inside the homes of retired university faculty and staff.

30 That sounds like a bargain to Mathiowetz, who attended a recent information session. She saw other potential benefits, too. "It'd be great to get to learn more about the university and what it was like back then when they were working," she said.

At the meeting, graduate student Rachel Bell coached interested students on writing enticing but honest bios³ outlining their interests and lifestyle. If you have a pet, Bell urged the students, mention it up front. Don't wait for it to come up later.

35 Those profiles are passed on to homeowners, who—after both parties pass background checks—go on “dates” with prospective housemates until a match is found. Both parties then sign a “Living Together Agreement” detailing everything from acceptable TV-watching hours to who cleans the bathroom. The goal is to have participants living together by early February, said Retirement Center director Cary Sweeney.

While students can help their hosts with other household tasks, it’s not required.

40 “The intention is it’s about building a relationship, and the support grows out naturally from that relationship,” said Sweeney. [...]

Felicia Mello, *CALmatters*, January 31, 2019

¹ UC: University of California

² digs: (*here*) lodging, bedrooms

³ bios: biographies

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You have received an e-mail from Mr. Montgomery, a 69-year-old British citizen who has retired in France and has a vacant bedroom in his new house. He is ready to rent it, but he wants to know more about the procedure.

You answer his request, and try to convince him to lease the room to a student.

