Protecting Existing Residents from Displacement comprises strategies that protects residents in areas of lower or moderate opportunity and concentrated poverty and preserves housing choices and affordability. Examples include:

- First right of return to existing residents and policies that include moving expenses
- Multi-lingual tenant legal counseling
- Affirmative marketing strategies or plans targeting nearby neighborhoods, a Disadvantaged Community or a Low-Income Community
- Replacement requirements in targeted growth areas such as transit stations, transit corridors, job and housing rich areas, downtowns and revitalization areas or policies on sites identified to accommodate the housing needs of lower income households
- Rent stabilization programs beyond what is required by California Civil Code 1946.2
- Just cause eviction or other efforts improving tenant stability beyond what is required by California Civil Code 1946.2
- Policies to preserve Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing or mobilehome parks
- Condominium conversion restrictions
- Land banking programs actively receiving funding
- Community benefit zoning and/or other land value recapture strategy
- Rent review board and/or mediation, foreclosure assistance, or multilingual tenant legal counseling services
- Density bonus ordinances that expand on state replacement requirements
- Implementation of an overlay zone to protect and assist small businesses
- Establishment of a small business advocate office and single point of contact for every small business owner:
- Creation and maintenance of a small business alliance;
- Increased visibility of the jurisdiction's small business assistance programs;
- Formal program to ensure that some fraction of a jurisdiction's purchases of goods and services come from local businesses
- Prioritization of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) for public contracting
- Environmental contamination mitigation and hazard mitigation measures such as seismic retrofits, flood adaptation measures, etc. to prevent displacement from disasters
- Eliminating crime-free or nuisance ordinances or programs that result in penalties to landlords and evictions of tenants