

An Honors and Journalism Presentation by Tina Staniscia

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Affordable Housing: There's More to this than Meets the Wallet

A Longform, Multimedia News Report

And

A Room With a View

A Visual, Multimedia Collaboration

The Abstract:

This project certainly wasn't what I envisioned initially. A pandemic changed everything.

Having to pivot from my original concept was difficult, but the change ended up being quite timely. In the future, the topic will continue to evolve, as the long term effects from the COVID-19 virus continue to play out. With new data being generated almost daily, in addition to what will be long-awaited results from the 2020 Census, my perspective will be enhanced and changed. My goal is to continue reporting on this topic, turning it into a beat of sorts. Cultivating a great, dependable group of expert sources will enable me to do so.

The print article called, "Affordable Housing: This is More Than Meets the Wallet," is a multimedia presentation with text, photographs, and data visualizations. Unfortunately, the human face/voice is lacking, providing another side to my story. But the professionals in their fields were incredibly generous with their time and expertise.

With the focus being on my hometown of the City of Poughkeepsie, the pandemic has indeed stalled some projects which are providing new and renovated housing units, but others continue to move forward. For a future article, I hope to re-interview the Mayor, and others who can give me a different perspective about how they see the city continue to improve.

I feel my article provides hope for those who may have given up on anything good happening, while educating others about the commitments organizations have made to the city and its residents, of all financial means.

The final article: <https://tinastaniscia.wordpress.com/2020/04/23/31/>

The video presentation, “A Room With a View,” was a labor of love. First off, I wanted to see if I could pull it off. I felt my pitch was well-worded and well received. But ask a couple of certain professors of my struggles with technology and they will tell you, it has not been easy for me at all. There were more times than I care to recall when I wanted to throw in the towel and run screaming into the night. Although my final product could have benefitted from and edit through a different software program, I am pretty happy with what I was able to create on canva.com. Once I got the hang of its limitations, the process was fairly intuitive. Overall, I am very pleased with the final product.

The final video: [A Room With a View](#)

Key words: journalism, housing, affordable housing, rentals, Habitat for Humanity, Hudson River Housing, pandemic, city of Poughkeepsie, Innovation District, Metro-North, Queen City, revitalization, gentrification, neighborhoods, vacancy rates, tenants, landlords

This is my first abstract. I hope it is what is needed to complete this project. Please let me know if any further information is needed.

Respectfully,
Tina Staniscia