

Problem of Enhancing Place-Making: Behind Phenomena of Vacant Housing at Low to Middle Income Housing in the City of Bekasi

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ABSTRACT

The concepts place-making offered ideas about designing cities that catered to people for creating lively neighborhoods. It makes places that have meaning to people, enduring patterns of community use, through process that have or potentially have unrealized meaning, value and utility. Therefore processes of place-making need such a framework that involves urban housing situations as main part of urban environment.

Theoretically place-making process can be enhanced by housing tenure. Housing ownership in many cases are believed to offer social, economic and environmental benefit that helps to stabilizes neighborhood and to strengthen communities. This also creates incentives for environment and individual that importance for maintaining and improving private properties and public space. However housing ownership does not automatically offer those programs benefit as it was shown by housing vacancies at low to middle income housing.

This paper is to explain the problem of enhancing place-making in low to middle income neighborhood in the city of Bekasi. The fact about 40.20% of houses of low to middle income housing ownership program in this city are categorized as abandoned ones indicates the basic requirement of infrastructure for environmental quality and accessibility for enhancing place-making in urban neighborhood.

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