HOMES FOR ALL 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Minnesota can address the **FULL CONTINUUM** of housing needs and ensure homes for all.



WHERE WE LIVE IMPACTS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES,

the **jobs** we can access, the **education** our children receive and the **wellbeing** of our growing senior population.

As Minnesotans, we share the belief that no **full-time employee** should have to choose between paying rent or filling prescriptions. No **working parent** should have to cut back on food for their children to make the mortgage. But that's a daily reality for more than **580,000 Minnesota households** who pay more than 30% of their income on housing and don't have enough left over to make ends meet to cover basic necessities, like transportation and groceries.

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Homes for All is a coalition of more than 200 organizations across the state advancing a shared policy initiatives that leads to housing stability for all Minnesotans.

INVESTING IN MINNESOTA'S PROSPERITY

Investing in housing provides a return for all residents. In Greater Minnesota and our urban areas, our economic development and community vitality relies on adequate homes that are affordable to ALL our hardworking families. But there's isn't one kind of housing that fits the needs of every Minnesotan. From a homeless veteran to a first-time homebuyer, we must address the FULL CONTINUUM OF HOUSING NEEDS. These investments help COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE address housing needs and build financial assets. Homes for All advocates for state investments that leverage local, federal and private resources to:

Prevent **homelessness**, provide emergency shelter and improve stability for homeless and highly mobile students

Build and preserve affordable rental homes for working families and provide rental assistance to kids and families Prepare first-time **homebuyers** and provide down-payment assistance to families with low to moderate income

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HOMEOWNERSHIP

WORKFORCE HOMEOWNERSHIP MINNESOTA (WHOM) provides funding for affordable homeownership opportunities.

The **CHALLENGE FUND** provides a tool for the development and preservation of multi and single family housing.

The TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION FUND would provide a credit on state tax liability for contributions to affordable housing projects.

Restoring the RENTERS CREDIT for resident-owned manufactured housing parks would allow residents to claim property taxes on the land their home is on.

RENTAL HOMES

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING for adults with serious mental illness funds scattered and site based housing supports for adults with serious mental illness.

DHS PROGRAMS provide emergency shelters for homeless families; room and board for longterm homeless individuals; programs for youth experiencing homelessness; and services for Minnesotans experiencing chronic homelessness.

POLICY CHANGES would increase the **minimum affordability terms** to 30 years for state-supported projects; require that landlords provide notice in advance of filing an **eviction** for nonpayment; and provide **right of first refusal** for residents of manufactured home parks giving them the opportunity to match a developer's price; and repeal changes in 2018 to the allocation of **tax-exempt bonds** and replace with the five consensus agreements.

BONDING provides housing resources for households across the income spectrum.

A state match for **LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS** would incent communities' development of housing in line with their local needs.

BRIDGES provides rental assistance for adults with serious mental health illness.

MN HOUSING PROGRAMS provide housing stability for homeless and highly mobile students through Homework Starts with Home and funding to serve adults and youth at risk of experiencing homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS

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