

# MHP 2024 POLICY AGENDA: OUR FUTURE STARTS AT HOME

Hard-working Minnesotans – from teachers to nurses to firefighters – are struggling to keep up with rising housing costs. When everyone, including the people who work in everyday, regular jobs, can afford to live near where they work, our communities are stronger. Housing of all kinds that Minnesotans can afford is key to thriving communities, attracting good employers, improving the economic wellbeing for families, and growing the middle class.



## Maintain, Save, & Create More Homes

### Fund Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIBs)

Allocate \$500M to create deeply affordable rental housing and preserve existing subsidized homes and home parks. Expand eligible uses to allow and prioritize recapitalization of existing subsidized affordable homes.

### Eliminate Wage Theft

Ensure laborers working on publicly-funded housing development projects are not exploited.

### Allow More Housing

Enable and incentivize diverse housing types and densities. Expedite and increase the production of homes of all types, especially affordable homes. Streamline processes to reduce development barriers at the local level.

### Preserve Subsidized Affordable Homes

Create longterm solutions to sustain and preserve publicly-financed housing. Enact immediate stopgap measures to prevent tenant displacement and loss of affordable homes, and ensure providers can retain assets.



## Access & Opportunity

### Enact Source of Income Protections

Clarify state law so source of income discrimination encompasses *all* forms of housing assistance.

### Fund Emergency Rental Assistance

Appropriate \$200 million through the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) to keep renters in their homes.



## Ongoing Solutions

### Invest in Bring it Home Rental Assistance

Invest in rental assistance to ensure all households with low incomes pay no more than 30% of their income on rent.

### Put the *Our Future Starts at Home* Constitutional Amendment on the Ballot

All Minnesotans, no matter what they look like or where they live, belong in safe, healthy homes. A constitutional amendment for housing with dedicated, ongoing funding will create continued pathways to prosperity; more households will own their own homes and have access to stable homes they can afford –*ensuring our families and future generations of Minnesotans can live and thrive here.*

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