



New Orleans Region Housing Priorities 2018

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.**
- Increase permanent and emergency housing opportunities with wraparound services for special needs populations, including at-risk youth, people who are mentally ill, homeless individuals, people who were formerly incarcerated, and victims of domestic violence.
- Increase transit-oriented development and density in high transit corridors to offset neighborhood displacement for locals.
- Investigate the allocation of Community Development Block Grants to ensure the funds are spent on the creation and retention of affordable housing.
- Establish an action plan for community organization around the Put Housing First campaign, in order to hold politicians and elected officials accountable.
- Invest in sustainable development (energy efficiency, weatherization, long-term floodwater management planning, etc.) for the creation of quality neighborhoods throughout the City of New Orleans.
- Increase homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters. (Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as affordable option, Soft Second Programs)
- Address blight code enforcement that spurs gentrification.
- Increase support for aging-in-place policies that increase accessibility for seniors, as well as addresses affordable rents for fixed incomes.
- Allocate blighted property fees and short-term rental fees for the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) to address the declining stock of affordable housing in the market.
- Introduce measures to reform Section 8 voucher program to protect households from losing their vouchers under unfair circumstances, such as the unavailability of eligible units.
- Establish a centralized system for renter's rights and protections and landlord enforcement. (Rental registry/Healthy Homes Ordinance, absentee landlord policy, online community forum)
- Create a cultural preservation plan with implementation tool to ensure the plan is executed regardless of changing political leadership.

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