



Baton Rouge Region Housing Priorities 2018

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.**
- Invest in sustainable development for quality neighborhoods. (Affordable opportunities, long-term floodwater management planning, etc.)
- 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.
- Create a regional housing plan with implementation tool to ensure the plan is executed regardless of changing political leadership.
- Invest in alternative financing sources for equitable development. (Designate funding for Soft Second program, cultivate diverse pool of funders, etc.)
- Streamline blight assessment and vacant land inventory.
- Establish a centralized system for renter's rights and protections, and landlord enforcement. (Rental registry, absentee landlord policy, online community forum)
- Increase homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters. (Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as affordable option, Soft Second Programs)
- Assess the effectiveness of a centralized redevelopment authority for redevelopment efforts.
- Strengthen Community Development Corporations via capacity building for increased development potential.
- Introduce measures to strengthen economic stability, and reduce cost-burdens of low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners. (Reintroduce PACE bill for home-improvement loans, energy efficiency program for renters and homeowners, etc.)

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