



New Orleans Regional Housing Priorities 2020

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production**
- Implement the Smart Housing Mix, a mandatory inclusionary zoning policy, that can create hundreds of new affordable housing opportunities in areas with quality access to jobs, education, and other opportunities
- Increase the Housing Trust Fund to meet the revised production goals and commit to include the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) reauthorization and funding increase on the ballot in 2020
- Review the current HousingNOLA 10-Year Plan public partner production goal of 1,500 affordable opportunities per year as committed in the Interagency Housing Policy in Housing for a Resilient New Orleans, and adjust projections based on need and resources available
- Increase homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters. (Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as affordable option, Soft Second Programs)
- 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)
- Address blight code enforcement that spurs displacement and gentrification
- Increase transit-oriented development and density in high transit corridors to offset neighborhood displacement for locals.
- Increase African American homeownership opportunities by properly implementing first-time homebuyer programs to ensure they reach our most marginalized population.

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- Invest in sustainable development (energy efficiency, solar energy, weatherization, long-term floodwater management planning, etc) for the creation of quality neighborhoods throughout the City of New Orleans.
- Investigate the allocation of Community Development Block Grants to ensure the funds are spent on the creation and retention of affordable housing.
- Increase support for aging-in-place policies that increase accessibility for seniors, as well as addresses affordable rents for fixed incomes.
- 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 survivors of domestic violence.

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