



## Lake Charles Regional Housing Priorities 2020

- **Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production**
- 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 victims of domestic violence
- Develop a strategy for advocacy and holding elected officials and government agencies accountable to housing needs
- Decrease barrier preventing those who were formerly incarcerated from accessing affordable housing
- Procure more funding for Section 8, to open waitlists and invest in more viable housing inventory for Section 8 (HCVP) clients
- Recruit more local developers to partner with and commit to affordable housing development
- Establish a centralized system for renter's rights and protections, and landlord enforcement. (rental registry, absentee landlord policy, online community forum)
- Increase Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy opportunities

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- Establish a mechanism for housing-data sharing and housing-data collection to be used regionally, and eventually statewide
- Address eviction history as a barrier to new housing opportunity
- Invest in workforce housing specifically for oil and gas industry employees
- Rigorous vetting of all people who are paid to assist those in need of housing assistance to insure proper attitudes, adequate education, and trainability and weed out applicants (and civil servants) who are racist, not compassionate, and are just looking for a paycheck.
- Placing a CAP on the amount of rent one can charge for certain unit sizes and types
- Allow Realtors to be involved with assisting renters with homeownership through the Section 8 program even if they are board members without it being a conflict of interest
- Ensure that affordable housing does not equate to substandard housing by setting habitability requirements for landlords and the city to abide by, such as a Rental Registry
- Dealing effectively and efficiently with adjudicated property to get it back into commerce

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