



2019 Year-to-Date Highlights

- ❖ The New Orleans City Council unanimously passed the **Smart Housing Mix** ordinance! GNOHA and HousingNOLA are still working with officials to refine the maps for implementation.
- ❖ HousingNOLA released their **2019 Semi-Annual Report**, identifying immense lack in affordable housing production this year.
- ❖ GNOHA released the **2019 Legislative Session Bill Tracker** to keep membership updated on moving legislation.
- ❖ In partnership with NewCorp, Chase Bank, NORA, and Jericho Road, GNOHA re-launched **Own the Crescent**, a comprehensive initiative to connect funding for small business and affordable housing developments with funding and capacity building support, as well as connect residents with homeownership opportunities.
www.ownthecrescent.org
- ❖ The Office of Community Development has allocated \$3 million to **the Soft Second Mortgage Program** for 2019. GNOHA has been fielding phone calls and emails from interested clients throughout the month.
- ❖ Several HousingNOLA committees formed **Complete Count Committees** with the Census Bureau to ensure that more of New Orleans' residents (and Louisiana residents in general) are counted during the 2020 Census.
- ❖ GNOHA launched a **Council District Housing Summit Series** to work with each Councilmember to bring community together to address neighborhood-specific housing issues in their district.
- ❖ **HousingLOUISIANA** held the 2019 Housing Listening Tour to gather housing priorities in each of the regions, in addition to holding the first All-Day Planning Session on in Alexandria, LA to discuss housing issues across state.
- ❖ GNOHA **Shared Solutions Initiative** implemented a pilot health insurance program through Blue Cross Blue Shield. Health insurance packages are now available to all members starting in May. Contact Bri Foster, bfoster@gnoha.org if your organization is interested in joining the Shared Solutions Healthcare initiative. Members must submit all paperwork roughly 15 days prior to health insurance effective date.
- ❖ #PutHousingFirst sent out several **calls to action** to garner support surrounding the Smart Housing Mix, short-term rental regulations, the Entergy Rate Case and paid actor scandal, and Cedric Richmond's reintroduction of the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act.