



Homes for All Buckets & Values + Tiered Agenda Expectations

For the 2021 Legislative Session

Buckets (buckets are to provide a framework for the policy agenda setting process. Each bucket is to be responsive to emergent needs in the community and viable opportunities for success. Buckets should be relevant to today's social, economic and political environment).

Preserve the homes we have

Examples include:

- NOAH reinvestment
- Rent caps/stabilization/control
- Conversion from rental/manufactured to resident owned

Build more, especially for the lowest income households

Examples include:

- Build more shelter
- Build more permanent housing including apartments, townhomes, condos, tiny homes, manufactured, single family homes
- Increase Missing middle (i.e duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes)

Housing Stability/Anti-displacement

Examples include:

- Eviction prevention
- Anti-displacement
- Cost burden – support measures that decrease cost burden and oppose measures that would increase cost burden
- Rental assistance
- Foreclosure prevention
- Housing supports to support those who need additional services
- Temporary housing for those experiencing homelessness

Equitable access and fair treatment

- Quality of housing (i.e. lead safe, up to code, energy efficient)
- Dignified – fair balance of power b/w landlord and tenant
- Anti-discriminatory policies to access of housing or capital to access housing
- Shelter bill of rights
- Housing that promotes self-governance

Wealth building

- Homeownership
- Programs to help renters invest savings (assuming their affordable housing is actually affordable).
- Conversion from rental to resident owned and other ownership conversation models

Policy value Statements – more to guide work

- Homes for All supports:
 - equitable access to safe, affordable, and **accessible** homes and shelter.
 - Upholding fair housing and ending discriminatory policies
 - Policies and solutions driven and supported by people impacted by homelessness, housing cost burden, discriminatory and exclusive practices
 - The goal of no Minnesotan paying more than 30% of their income on housing.
 - Programs that leverage federal resources to preserve federally subsidized housing and build new housing that serves the lowest income and most vulnerable households.
 - Amending the tax code to promote tax equity and fairness. Current housing expenditures in the tax code disproportionately benefit the most resourced households.
 - Directing resources to address greatest unmet needs, including:
 - Temporary shelter
 - Permanent, affordable homes including rental and ownership opportunities
 - Lowest income and most under resourced households
 - Housing choices, especially ownership opportunities for BIPOC households
- Homes for All believes:
 - Quality, stable housing is healthcare
 - Not spending money costs money. In the current budget deficit environment, the most vulnerable should be the last to lose resources.
 - All communities benefit from diverse housing choices for households of all incomes
 - Individuals and families in safe, stable and affordable housing thrive
- Homes for all opposes:
 - All policies that increase poverty and take away resources and opportunities from low income renters, homeowners, manufactured park residents and homeless families.
 - Taking away resources from individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Tiered Agenda Expectations – Homes for All is moving to a three-tiered structured agenda and supports the use of taskforces to develop ideas further for potential future inclusion on the legislative agenda. The below information will be primarily used for

- **Tier I** - agenda issues/funding will receive full coalition support.
 - Goal of 5 or less top tier agenda items, agenda items can be more specific or broad, i.e. no cuts to programs, \$20 million overall request to DHS, eviction expungement, or \$300 million in Bonding.
 - Policy Co-Chairs lead on these issues (while working closely with organizations that brought forward the issue).
 - Homes for All will offer significant resources to advance these issues, including top priority for drafting legislation, getting authors and co-authors, setting up hearings, writing letters, drafting communication materials, calls to action and political capital.
 - Homes for All coalition members that hold meetings with lawmakers focused on housing related issues will be expected to advocate for these agenda items.

- **Tier II** - agenda issues/funding will receive some full coalition support.
 - Tier two issues should fall into the coalition legislative goals for the 2021 session (buckets).
 - Support the full affordable housing continuum
 - Homes for All will be involved, but not the lead on these efforts.
 - Organizations leading Tier II issues will be expected to coordinate drafting legislation (packaged per jurisdiction, individual bills), consult with the policy team on legislative authors/co-authors, help draft language and talking points for communications materials and meetings with lawmakers.
 - Policy co-chairs will advocate for hearings on all tier II issues and provide hearing support if needed.
 - If organizational leads need assistance moving through the process, the policy co-chairs and other policy team members will help mentor and guide them through the process.
 - Tier II agenda items that have momentum and met deadlines (as set by the legislature) may receive additional support in terms of action alerts, increased lobbying efforts and other support to help move the legislation across the finish line.

- **Tier III** - agenda policies or funding will be seen as an endorsement from the Homes for All coalition.

- The Homes for All coalition will not spend significant time or energy on the issues, however individual organizations that are members of the coalition are welcome to lend their support.
 - Organizations leading work on Tier III agenda items will keep the policy team apprised of all movement and status of legislation.
 - Organizations leading Tier III agenda items will consult with the policy team on authors and timing of hearings.
 - Should there be momentum for the policies or funding at the end of session on Tier III agenda items, the coalition can lend additional lobbying and communications support.
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- **Taskforce** – Should there be broad interest or support for new policies for funding programs that are not ready for legislation, the coalition can establish a taskforce to help provide input and more detail with the goal of legislation in future legislative sessions. The coalition will ask for periodic updates and will help promote the taskforce to other coalition members. Policies or funding programs that have a taskforce created are eligible to participate in the amendment process.