



New Orleans Regional Housing Priorities 2021

- Create more opportunities for people to become homeowners due to the influx of newcomers and gentrification.
- Encourage politicians need to step up and demand action by using innovation and taking some old commercial buildings to provide housing and affordable units to folks that need them.
- To create funding that is intended for housing needs to be used for housing.
- Urge politicians to support the NIF
- Hold utility companies accountable for making housing unaffordable because of energy costs.
- Include anti-displacement efforts to bring service workers closer to job opportunities.
- Implement mix-income, mix-use developments for residents.
- Meeting the needs of black low-income renters and implementing soft-second programs.
- Federally funded allocations that prioritize housing are pushing elected officials to prioritize housing in policy and budgeting decisions.
- Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide housing trust funds to increase affordable housing production along with a renter's registry.
- Increasing the minimum wage for low-income residents.

- 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 including the Neighborhood Housing Improvement Fund (NHIF) reauthorization and funding increase on the ballot in 2021.
- 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 opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters to become homeowners.(Section 8 homeownership program, mobile homeownership as a low-cost alternative, Soft Second Programs)
- Introduce measures to reform the 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 renters' rights and protections and landlord enforcement. (rental registry/Healthy Homes Ordinance, absentee landlord policy, online community forum)
- Address blight with 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.
- 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 address 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.