



Baton Rouge Working Group

2023 Housing Priorities

1. Create designated revenue streams for local and statewide Housing Trust Funds to increase affordable housing production.
2. Increase the number of multifamily units with lower living costs and single-family homeownership alternatives.
3. Create affordable housing opportunities for those who have been formally incarcerated.
4. Planning and construction for climate resilience Invest in sustainable development for quality neighborhoods as well as weatherization upgrades for older housing stock.
5. Ensure that affordable housing does not equate to substandard housing by setting habitability requirements for landlords and the city to abide by.
6. Increasing Capital (increase existing funding to create more housing, secure new funding sources, and use current resources more efficiently)
7. Address the responsibilities of landlords as it relates to their tenants.
8. Increase Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy opportunities.
9. Address retaliatory and anti-retaliatory evictions.
10. Making better decisions on land usage.
11. Recruit more local developers to partner with and commit to affordable housing development.
12. Revising HUD and LHC Standards to receive funding.
13. Research Anti-Displacement policies and create community revitalization strategies.
14. Distribution of property values versus rent by zip-code.
15. Create a comprehensive housing strategy that addresses title and succession issues to create more affordable housing.
16. Create mechanisms to lock in affordability, such as Community Land Trust.
17. Education and Community Engagement Around Affordable Housing
18. Prohibit source of income discrimination to allow residents with vouchers to move into areas of opportunity.
19. Address racial and income segregation that is prevalent in Baton Rouge.
20. 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.
21. Increase transit-oriented development and density in high transit corridors to offset neighborhood displacement for locals.
22. Work with developers to develop more homeownership units for LMI (low to moderate income) families.