



Northshore Housing Alliance

2023 Housing Priorities

1. Help educate the community on affordable housing and reduce the stigma of affordable housing and NIMBY(not in my back yard) ideology and shift public ideas about cheap housing and combat nimbyism.
2. Raising public awareness and educating people about the services that are accessible to them (for housing).
3. Establish a free board-current rating system.
4. Disaster mitigation techniques should be in place to guarantee that disaster consequences are minimized.
5. When catastrophes strike, an Emergency Assistance Fund should be in place.
6. Increase Homebuyer Education & Financial Literacy opportunities.
7. Develop a strategy for advocacy and holding elected officials and government agencies accountable to housing needs.
8. Create a comprehensive housing strategy that addresses title and succession issues to create more affordable housing.
9. Recruit more local developers to partner with and commit to affordable housing development.
10. Establish a centralized system for renter's rights and protections, and landlord enforcement. (rental registry, absentee landlord policy, online community forum).
11. Increase permanent and emergency housing opportunities with services for special needs populations, including at-risk youth, veterans, people who are mentally ill, homeless individuals, people who were formerly incarcerated, and victims of domestic violence.
12. Invest in sustainable development for quality neighborhoods (affordable opportunities, long-term floodwater management planning, etc.), as well as weatherization upgrades for older housing stock.
13. Address tax structure to increase funding for affordable housing.
14. Improve or establish public transportation mechanisms for individuals living in affordable housing to travel to and from their jobs.
15. Address zoning issues, density bonus, and infill vs. green-fill development to create affordable housing.
16. Procure more funding for Section 8, to open waitlists and invest in more viable housing inventory for Section 8 (HCVP) clients.
17. Increase home-ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income renters, (i.e. a Section 8 home-ownership program, mobile home-ownership as an affordable option, and "Soft Second Programs": a second mortgage with payments that are forgiven, deferred, or subsidized in some fashion, generally until resale of the mortgaged property.)