

2016 Housing Opportunity Agenda

We're asking the Legislature to take action in 2016 to ensure housing opportunity.

Housing is the foundation for all of our success, and gives us an opportunity to build better lives.

Our communities are better and stronger when we and our neighbors can afford to pay for housing and still have money left over for necessities, including food or medicine.

Protect renters:

- Tenants need longer notice periods before rent increases (HB 4143)
- Tenants should be protected from evictions made without good reasons (HB 4143)

Produce affordable housing:

- Fully fund the Local Innovations and Fast Track development program to develop affordable housing

 \$60 million general obligation bonds (SB 1582 creates a statutory framework and
 provides General Fund for this program)
- Lift the preemption on local government authority to implement **inclusionary zoning policies** so they can require new developments, both rental and ownership, include affordable units (SB 1533 and HB 4001)

Preserve existing affordable housing:

- Stabilize existing affordable homes to keep residents in place and rents affordable in housing with rent subsidies and manufactured home parks *\$17.5 million in lottery backed bonds*
- Offer counseling and legal support to homeowners in foreclosure mediation budget request of \$2.7 million (now in budget reconciliation bill)
- Provide **certainty** for affordable housing providers eliminate the sunset created in 2014 (HB 4039) and maintain property tax exemptions for non-profit owners of affordable housing until a long-term legislative solution is found (HB 4081)

Prevent and end homelessness:

 Emergency Housing Account and the State Homeless Assistance Program keep people stable in housing or move people off the streets – *budget request of* \$8 million for EHA and \$2 million for SHAP



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