

1 in 4 families in our community lacks affordable housing.

The average two-bedroom apartment in our area costs \$1,086 a month at fair market rent. To afford this, a minimum wage earner would need to work 115 hours a week.

When families pay too much toward housing, they may struggle to afford other necessities, like food, transportation, education and healthcare.

This year, we're advocating for:

- Expanded down payment assistance to help people purchase affordable homes of their own
- Increased local and state funding for affordable housing
- Planning decisions that align bus routes with affordable housing and create access to robust transit options
- Property tax assistance for homeowners to ensure homes stay affordable long term
- Expedited development review processes for new affordable housing projects and similar policies that help increase overall housing supply
- Local land use policies that increase the variety of housing options, especially at lower price points
- Federal funding & programs that support affordable housing in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International

In addition to these policies, we will work to challenge stigmas about affordable housing and Habitat, and encourage inclusive neighborhoods through public education and awareness.

