



COVID-19 Advocacy Priorities

Needs for renters and unhoused population

- We need the Mayor to ban source of income discrimination in order for the 1,000+ current Housing Choice Voucher holders to rent units that are currently sitting vacant due to unwillingness to rent to HCV holders.
- We need city-wide rental assistance for tenants renting from small landlords.
- We need a fully enforced eviction moratorium that extends 60 – 90 days beyond the commencement of economic activity in our city due to the instability job market.
- We need support from HANO in registering vacant units for participation in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8).
- We need refinancing for larger properties and affordable housing developments who agree to provide rent reduction or forgiveness to their tenants.
- We need support for transitioning unhoused families into vacant short-term rentals.
- We need support for transitioning unhoused, independent individuals into vacant hotels with sufficient services
- We need wraparound services for unhoused individuals who are lodging in hotels and short-term rentals.

Needs for homeowners

- We need payments to be deferred to the end of the life of the loan – most of the current extensions available require homeowners to cover the missed payments by the end of the 90 day deferment period.
- We need tax relief for homeowners – including those who have already paid their bill, due to the fact that valuations will change drastically and housing will stay on the market much longer.
- HB43 calls for 10% cap – property cannot go up more than 10% of previously assessed value. However, it is not retroactive so it will not help people who were already assessed in the first round in 2019. Will only help people who were skipped at the last assessment

Needs for small landlords

- Small landlords who have a mortgage to pay – what forbearance options do they have and how can we advocate for small landlords to take this opportunity and pass it down to tenants
- Need payments to be put on pause in order for that to be passed down to their tenants
- Need to extend moratorium on eviction to mirror Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac/HUD - can't evict in first 120 days regardless
- Value changes - We need capital to buy down and refinance these mortgages so people aren't paying down on something they will never break even on.

Needs for developers

- Projects underway that are financed – get an idea of any suggested solutions from lenders regarding how people can refinance and manage forbearance, etc. and advocate for that.

Small businesses

- SBA loans for small businesses and nonprofits to cover payroll and operating expenses