



MICAH 2018 Legislative Agenda

- 1. Lead Safe Bill- Funding to address lead issues and the Rental Form is amended to require that a Yes or No answer is provided if Lead is in the rental unit.**
- 2. Ensure smaller culturally diverse organizations' funding through specific targeted set asides in an Equity Bill, changes in appropriation language to fund and prioritize smaller culturally diverse organizations most in need who are serving the unserved and underserved populations, and to increase their capacity in securing state, HUD, and other funding. Provisions that all State funded and free trainings including by HUD and NeighborWorks America must be accessible to all organizations, with full scholarships provided to smaller culturally diverse organizations serving the unserved and underserved populations. Capacity building funding must be secured for smaller culturally diverse organizations serving the unserved and underserved populations as needed for technical assistance, education and training, becoming a HUD approved and certified organization, securing government funds and resources, and establishing, developing or expanding culturally diverse housing programs including but not limited to: Rental, Homeownership, Homeless and other programs including but not limited Homeless Outreach, Prevention, Shelter, Youth Services, Transitional Housing, Housing Advocacy, Home Repairs & Maintenance, Housing Finances, Property Liens and Taxes.**
- 3. Increase State Resources for Housing:**
 - HOMES for All agenda**
 - Bonding \$140 Million: \$110 Million Infrastructure Bonds and \$30 Million General Obligation Bonds**
 - Appropriations: \$10 Million**
 - Minnesota Housing Finance Agency: \$6 Million: \$2 Million Local Housing Trust Funds, \$2 Million Homework Starts at Home, and \$3 Million Bridges.**
 - Department of Human Services: \$4 Million: \$2 Million Housing with Support Services and \$2 Million GRH program**
 - Taxes: \$180,000 to restore Renter's Credit to manufactured Homes on rented lots.**
- 4. Education: All high school and Middle School students be required to complete budgeting and landlord tenant education program**
All landlords be required to provide Tenant Rights and Responsibilities to their tenants from the MN Attorney General's office in appropriate language.

SUPPORT:

5. All Parks Alliance for Change - statewide organization – protect Minnesota’s 180,000 manufactured home park residents.
6. NOAH units- 6 month notification be required. Incentivize communities to change their rental licensing laws to protect current residents, especially those with subsidies from displacement.
7. Accessibility: Expungement of Criminal Records and Unlawful Detainers (Second Chance) and - Support Universal designs
8. Energy Efficient homes: rental/homeownership- Pay for improvements on utility bills.
9. Livable Incomes
 - a. **Double MFIP (public assistance grants) so families can afford housing. Increase public assistance for adults and unemployment benefits. GAAIN- Give Aid to All in NEED**
 - b. Sick and safe leave, and paid time off (Take Action)
 - c. **Driver Licenses for Workers**
10. Education: Support legislation that creates excellent integrated educational opportunities for children and adults, including job training throughout the State.
11. Civil Rights Enforcement
 - a. **Increase funding to Minnesota Human Rights Department.**
 - b. Fair Housing Testing (MN Housing and Met Council) **Fair Lending Practices (JCA)**
 - c. **Restore the Vote for Felons who have completed their incarceration. (Second Chance, Re-Store the Vote, and Take Action)**
12. Transportation: Funding should ensure affordable housing along the transit line, replacement of demolished housing, protections from tax and rent increases. People and businesses employed to develop should be community people and businesses matching at least the racial demographics of the neighborhood or metro area, whichever is higher.