



# Minnesota needs more homes now

Minnesota is stronger when everyone can afford a safe, stable home. But rising costs and limited housing options are making that harder across our state. We need the Legislature to take action. We must modernize our state's housing policies to meet the needs of Minnesota families now and in the future.



## WHO WE ARE

We are a large and diverse coalition of housing advocates, community organizations, businesses, home builders and housing developers, environmental groups, labor organizations, transportation advocates, and faith-based organizations who will bring forward proposals to create new, statewide housing policies rooted in proven best practices that will help address our home shortage.

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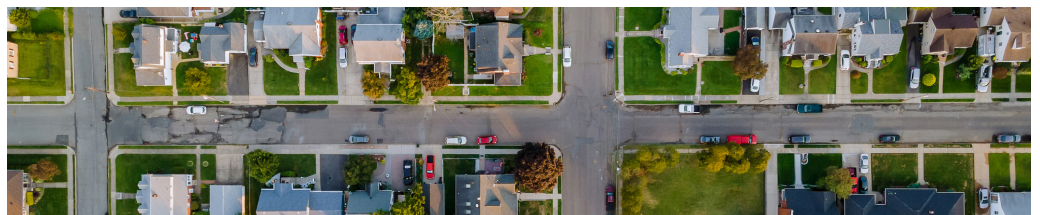
Minnesota's housing shortage is too severe for a scattered, piecemeal approach. The state must take the lead in setting a housing policy framework that streamlines approvals of needed new housing in our communities—**empowering local government partners to address this problem with the urgency the moment demands.**

- **Six years ago**, a state task force called for bold action on addressing the home shortage. Since then, the number of missing homes and apartments in Minnesota has doubled.
- **Addressing this problem** strengthens our economy, protects our environment, keeps our communities thriving.
- **Since 2021**, new home permits in Minnesota have fallen by more than 43%. The current system is not geared toward addressing a problem of this size.
- **People with low incomes and people of color** have historically experienced displacement, been priced out and excluded from communities, while middle-class Minnesotans have felt the squeeze for a decade plus, and yet inaction remains the norm.

**No single city or town can solve the problem alone.** We must act and work together to address the cost barriers, time to approve new housing, and address the shortage.

Minnesotans need the Legislature to:

- Streamline housing approvals so cities can more quickly close the housing gap.
- Keep public infrastructure public by eliminating requirements of common properties and HOAs.
- Restore property rights and reduce costs by allowing all building-code-compliant construction materials and methods to be used.
- Reduce parking mandates, a minor reform that has been tied to increase the production of new housing **AND** reduce construction costs.



The growing home shortage won't solve itself. Our Legislature needs to act now. Recent polling shows:

### Only 17% of respondents

would rate their city's or town's efforts to keep housing affordable as "good" or "very good".

### 91% of respondents

say the cost of housing (buying or renting) is a problem in our state.

### Voters also strongly support parking and aesthetic reforms

by a factor of 3:1 for limiting aesthetic design requirements and nearly 4:1 for parking reform.

# ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING ALL OR PARTS OF THE YES TO HOMES AGENDA



Other Supporters Include: Central MN Habitat for Humanity, Doynne Development, D.W. Jones, Inc., Healthcare for Housing MN Housing Justice Center, Landon Group, Project for Pride in Living, Twin Cities YIMBY, Urban Homeworks