



The H.O.M.E.S campaign firmly believes **Housing is a Human Right.**

We are local residents, unhoused community members, educators, and advocates working to develop a housing policy agenda that is focused on:

- Creating high quality affordable renter-ship opportunities;
- Creating fair opportunities for home ownership;
- Ending homelessness; and
- Ensuring accessible housing options for returning residents.

What we believe

1. Housing is Human Right, NOT a commodity to be bought and sold for profit.
2. Housing should and must be affordable, healthy, and safe.
3. Housing must be accessible to all people—those experiencing mental health challenges, people with disabilities, individuals returning from prison, unaccompanied youth, veterans, and groups historically excluded from housing—specifically Black and Brown residents.
4. Housing should be community controlled and owned.

What we want

1. Protection of renters and mortgage holders from displacement.¹
2. Rent control to ensure low-income residents are not priced out of their homes and communities.
3. A moratorium and repeal of all laws that criminalize unhoused individuals.
4. Protection and housing access for residents returning from prison.
5. The creation of at least 50% of units of affordable housing for all new housing developments.
6. Community oversight and ownership of at least 50% of all abandoned/neglected properties; including those owned by the Wilmington Land Bank.

COVID-19 specific:

1. Immediate placement of all unhoused residents in hotels/motels.
2. Coordinated, consistent outreach to connect unhoused individuals to needed services.
3. Community input and transparency for all allocated housing/service funding.
4. Moratorium on evictions, rent/mortgage and utilities. (See Rep. Omar's proposal in Congress)
5. Emergency fund to provide legal services to tenants post COVID-19 moratorium.

¹ See *Housing Justice National Platform* for further information <https://www.housingjusticeplatform.org/>



A sample of the solutions we seek to implement:

Renters:

1. Free legal representation for low-income renters during eviction proceedings
2. Minimum amount of \$1000 dollars (or 2 months rent whichever is greater) of arrears before eviction can be brought against the tenant
3. [Rent control](#)

Returning residents:

1. Ban the box on all housing applications
2. Access to public housing
3. Housing plans/support 6-9 months pre-release

Unhoused:

1. [Housing First](#) protocol
2. Moratorium/repeal of policies, ordinances and laws that criminalize daily activities (e.g. sleeping in public, sleeping in vehicles, etc.)
3. Public storage/lockers for belongings

Homeowners:

1. Fair and transparent loans to support homeowners.
2. Fund to support repairs and maintenance of property.
3. Free workshops/clinics to support role and knowledge of policies, requirements, and procedures related to home maintenance and rental processes.

Additional information/resources:

<https://nationalhomeless.org/about-homelessness/>

<https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/de/>

<https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/what-causes-homelessness/inequality/>

<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/>