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## **Welcome to “Memo to Members and Partners”**

NLIHC is now offering our electronic newsletter, *Memo to Members and Partners*, to a broader list of NLIHC partners beyond current NLIHC members. We encourage you to become an [NLIHC Member today](#) to support our efforts to ensure the lowest income people in America have decent, affordable homes. Enjoy *Memo*!

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## **NLIHC in the News**

## Our Homes, Our Voices Week of Action

### Updates and Resources for National Housing Week of Action

The *Our Homes, Our Voices* National Housing Week of Action, July 22-29, is active on social media. Be sure to follow us on Twitter and use the Facebook group page to share images, events, and planning questions. The campaign's Twitter handle is @OurHomesVoices and the Facebook page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurHomesOurVoices/>

We encourage you to use social media starting today and throughout the Week of Action to share why you believe it's important to participate in this campaign, how your events are shaping up, and how you plan to advocate for greater investments in affordable homes and communities even after July 29. Retweet and share images, including pictures of yourself coordinating events with other advocates and mailing the postcards to your member of Congress. Use hashtag #OurHomesOurVoices

Sample press releases, talking points, op-ed, Facebook instructions, social media images, tweets, and postcards are located at: <https://www.ourhomes-ourvoices.org/resources>

#### National Week of Action Events

The Campaign for Housing and Community Development (CHCDF) has scheduled a call-in day, a press event, and a voter registration drive during the Week of Action. The week will start with a call-in day on Tuesday, July 25. We encourage advocates from across the country to call their elected officials that day to ensure that these officials not only become aware of the campaign and the need for affordable housing and community development investments but also recognize the importance of the issue to their constituents by the number of calls received. Sample scripts will be provided in advance of the call-in day.

On Wednesday, July 26, Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) will lead a press event touting the introduction of a housing resolution that will align with the *Our Homes, Our Voices* proposal. She will be joined at the event by other champions in Congress, leaders in housing advocacy, and people who have benefitted from federally assisted housing. After the event, CHCDF will lead a #OurHomesOurVoices tweetstorm to further elevate our demand for greater investments in affordable homes and stronger communities.

The final national event will be a series of voter registration efforts taking place in federally assisted housing throughout the country. This will be opening effort of voter engagement activities moving into the 2018 midterm elections.

Look for more information about the national events in the coming days on the campaign website at:

<https://www.ourhomes-ourvoices.org/>

#### Local Week of Action Events & Resources

Twenty-seven events across the country have been scheduled and are posted on the campaign [website](#). The events vary from rallies on the steps of state capitol buildings and public hearings with local residents who are demonstrating against HUD budget cuts to site visits with elected officials to affordable housing developments built with support from federal programs President Trump proposes to eliminate or cut.

We have developed several resources that will assist with branding the campaign at these events and spreading the campaign's message to elected officials and on social media. The newest resource is a [postcard](#) that can be printed and then mailed to your elected officials expressing your support for affordable housing. There are also campaign T-shirts available for [purchase](#). Be sure to invite other advocates to use our campaign resources—T-

shirts, posters, social media images—at rallies, press events, and site visits to generate a compelling visual image of solidarity at your event.

[Our Homes, Our Voices Webinar Today, July 10](#)

Join *Our Homes, Our Voices* organizers on today's 2pm – 3pm ET webinar for a discussion of local and national events, learn from other advocates around the country, and share insights and questions from your own planning process. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2sRLQU0>

To access resources, go to: <https://www.ourhomes-ourvoices.org/resources>

For more information on how to use social media for this campaign, contact: Renee Willis at [rwillis@nlihc.org](mailto:rwillis@nlihc.org)

Send questions about planning an event to: [ourhomes@nlihc.org](mailto:ourhomes@nlihc.org)

## **Take Action**

### **Rural Housing Investments Must be Fully Funded**

NLIHC continues to urge advocates to [contact](#) their members of Congress to oppose the Trump administration's proposed cuts to rural housing for FY18 and to fully fund rural housing programs. The president's budget proposes significant reductions to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural housing budget, including a \$60 million cut to Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance, the elimination of the Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization program, and the elimination of key homeownership programs, including Section 502 Direct Homeownership Loans and Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing.

NLIHC and nearly 600 organizations from across the country have signed onto a letter circulated by the National Rural Housing Coalition (NRHC) opposing the proposed cuts. The letter criticized the administration's response to the problems facing rural America as what "can only be described as a wholesale retreat."

NLIHC encourages advocates to call their members of Congress to urge them to oppose the president's proposed budget and USDA reorganization plan and to fully fund rural housing programs.

Contact your Congressional delegation directly at: <http://bit.ly/2rr1AkV>

Read NRHC's press release about rural advocates' letter to Congress at: <http://prn.to/2tmTGWB>

Review NLIHC's analysis of the Trump administration's proposed budget, including funding for USDA Rural Housing programs, at: <http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Trump-Budget.pdf>

### **Call on Congress to Protect and Expand the National Housing Trust Fund**

There is still time to join the more than 1,000 national, state, and local organizations that have signed onto NLIHC's letter urging Congress to protect and expand the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF), which President Trump proposed to eliminate in his [FY18 budget](#). While a copy of the letter has been delivered to all members of Congress, there is still time for organizations concerned about homelessness and the lack of affordable homes [to sign onto the national HTF letter](#) before an updated version is sent to Capitol Hill later in the budget process.

The HTF is the first new housing resource in a generation exclusively targeted to help build and preserve housing affordable to people with the lowest incomes, including those who are homeless. Congress must protect the HTF from the administration's attack and instead significantly increase its funding to address the critical affordable housing needs of the lowest income renters in every community in the U.S.

Sign the [letter](#) urging Congress to protect and expand the HTF and share it with your networks.

The letter with the current list of signatories is at: <http://bit.ly/2rSLcWF>

Contact your Congressional delegation directly at: <http://bit.ly/2IBR7eM>

## **United for Homes**

### **New Date! UFH Webinar on Direct Action for Mortgage Interest Deduction Reform, July 18**

United for Homes (UFH) endorsers are invited to join a webinar, “Direct Action and the United for Homes Campaign: Disruption and Agitation in the Effort for MID Reform,” on Tuesday, July 18 at 2 pm ET. Presenters from NLIHC and a number of UFH endorsing organizations will discuss the importance of involving funding solutions like MID reform in local efforts that draw attention to the homelessness and affordable housing crisis in America.

Direct action has long played an important role in the movement for change to housing policy. Whether a moderate-scale action like a local sleep-out during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week or a major event like the *Housing Now!* march on Washington in 1989, public acts of resistance and disruption can increase the profile of affordable housing in policy debates.

The webinar will feature Randy Shaw, editor of *Beyond Chron* and the director of San Francisco’s Tenderloin Housing Clinic, a United for Homes endorser. Mr. Shaw is the author of four books on activism, including *The Activist’s Handbook: Winning Social Change in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and *The Tenderloin: Sex, Crime and Resistance in the Heart of San Francisco*. During the webinar, Mr. Shaw will discuss the importance of direct action throughout the history of housing policy change in America.

Michael Kane, executive director of the National Alliance of HUD Tenants will also present. Mr. Kane has been organizing residents of project-based rental assistance and other federally-assisted properties for decades. He will speak to the power of involving low income renters and their perspectives in all protests, rallies, and other direct actions.

UFH webinars highlight best practices for advocacy and provide a broader understanding of how mortgage interest deduction reform is helpful to social movements focused on more than just housing. The most recent webinar in June, “Housing, Racial Equity, and United for Homes,” provided campaign overviews and perspectives from endorsers who work on social justice for communities of color. Anj Chaudhry from the National Coalition for Asian and Pacific American Community Development, Lot Diaz from the National Council of La Raza, and Pinky Clifford from the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing shared information about how United for Homes would benefit the communities in their networks. Watch the June webinar at: <http://www.unitedforhomes.org/webinars/>

Future webinars will feature guest experts, policymakers, advocates, and researchers on topical issues. All UFH webinars are available on the UFH website at: <http://www.unitedforhomes.org/webinars/>

If you have not already registered for the monthly UFH endorser webinars, register for the July 18 event at: <http://bit.ly/2irHS2E>. Once you register, you will not need to register again for the monthly UFH endorser webinars.

If you are not already a UFH endorser, please join the campaign at: <http://www.unitedforhomes.org/join-the-movement/>

If you are not sure if you are a UFH endorser, check the list of current endorsers at: <http://www.unitedforhomes.org/national-supporters/>

## **Senate Committee Calls for Tax Reform Proposals**

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) issued a request for ideas and feedback on how to improve the American tax system. NLIHC plans to submit the United for Homes (UFH) proposal calling for modest reforms to the mortgage interest deduction (MID) to better serve low and moderate income homeowners and to reinvest the significant savings into affordable rental homes for people with the greatest needs.

It is critical that members of the Finance Committee understand how Congress can use tax reform to help end homelessness and housing poverty in America without increasing costs to the federal government by reprioritizing current federal housing policy. The MID does not promote homeownership, increases income inequality, and fuels the racial wealth gap. By embracing the UFH proposal, Congress can provide 25 million low and moderate income homeowners a greater tax break and generate \$241 billion in savings over 10 years to be reinvested into rental housing investments for the lowest income households in America.

NLIHC encourages advocates to submit comments to the Senate Finance Committee in support of the UFH proposal by emailing [taxreform2017@finance.senate.gov](mailto:taxreform2017@finance.senate.gov) by the July 17, 2017 deadline.

For sample comment language, see: <http://bit.ly/2u12KVr>

For more information about Senator Hatch's request, see: <http://bit.ly/2siq8f1>

Learn more about the United for Homes proposal at: <http://www.unitedforhomes.org/>

## **Congress**

### **Democratic Senators Urge HUD Secretary to Restore LGBTQ Non-Discrimination Resources**

Nearly 30 Democratic senators wrote a letter to HUD Secretary Ben Carson expressing their concern about the removal of resources related to protecting LGBTQ people from housing discrimination from the agency's website. The letter notes the removal of six tools designed to help housing providers comply with nondiscrimination rules protecting members of the LGBTQ community. These include a proposed policy that would require HUD-funded emergency shelters to hang a poster alerting residents of their right to be free from anti-LGBTQ discrimination and a guide instructing HUD grantees on how to ensure equal access for transgender people.

"These changes are concerning given the unique housing challenges facing LGBTQ people across the America," the letter states. "For example, LGBTQ youth represent 40 percent of all youth experiencing homelessness, meaning that efforts to undermine LGBTQ protections have a disproportionate impact on some of the most vulnerable young people in the country. Among adults, nearly 1 in 3 transgender people report having experienced homelessness at some point in their lives, yet a study found only 30% of shelters were willing to properly accommodate transgender women."

The senators ask Dr. Carson to review these actions and to act promptly to restore resources that guide housing providers on how to fulfill their nondiscrimination requirements.

Read the letter at: <http://bit.ly/2uymjBr>

Find studies referenced by the letter at: <http://bit.ly/2tZVWXX> and <http://bit.ly/2kkBtaf>

## **Budget and Appropriations**

### **House Subcommittee to Vote on FY18 THUD Bill on July 11**

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (THUD) will vote on its FY18 appropriations bill on July 11 at 7:00 pm in room 2358-A of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Learn more about the Subcommittee vote at: <http://bit.ly/2sKS7Wi>. NLIHC will send members and partners an overview and analysis of the House Appropriations THUD bill as soon as it becomes available.

## **HUD**

### **HUD Issues VAWA Implementation Guidance for Owners of HUD-Assisted Multifamily Housing**

HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing Programs issued Notice H 2017-05, providing guidance to owners and management agents of HUD-assisted multifamily housing regarding the final rule implementing the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013). Advocates will also benefit from familiarity with the guidance. The guidance applies to properties assisted by the Project-based Section 8, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Section 236 Multifamily Housing, and Section 221(d)(3) Below Market Interest Rate programs.

On November 16, 2016, HUD issued a final rule (VAWA Final Rule) implementing VAWA 2013 for HUD's housing programs (see *Memo*, [11/21/16](#)). Because Notice H 2017-05 does not touch on every aspect of the VAWA Final Rule, the Notice should be used in conjunction with the VAWA Final Rule.

The VAWA Final Rule includes core protections across HUD programs, ensuring individuals are not denied assistance, evicted, or have their assistance terminated because of their status as survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or for being affiliated with a victim. In addition, HUD programs must be operated consistent with the Equal Access Rule (see *Memo*, [2/3/12](#)) which requires HUD-assisted housing be made available regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

The 44-page Notice summarizes the major changes to the multifamily housing programs and includes an appendix that provides items to consider when developing VAWA policies. Among the topics covered by the Notice are who may receive VAWA protections, VAWA lease addendums, notices of occupancy rights, victim confidentiality, emergency transfers, family breakup, lease bifurcation, and establishing waiting list preferences.

HUD will be offering two trainings, one on July 26, at 2:30 pm ET, focused on owners and management agents and another on August 1, at 1:30 pm ET, focused on performance-based contract administrators. Registration information is not yet available.

HUD will be preparing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and invites stakeholders to submit questions to Carissa Janis at [carissa.l.janis@hud.gov](mailto:carissa.l.janis@hud.gov).

HUD issued a similar notice, Notice PIH-2017-08, pertaining to public housing and private owners who accept Housing Choice Vouchers (see *Memo*, [5/30](#)).

Notice H 2017-05 is at: <http://bit.ly/2tRejhW>



## **National Housing Trust Fund**

### **Federal Reserve Governor Urges Timely Bipartisan Housing Finance Reform**

Federal Reserve Governor Jay Powell spoke on the need for comprehensive, bipartisan reform of the housing finance system before an audience at the American Enterprise Institute on July 6. While Mr. Powell's remarks on housing finance focused on the system's role in stabilizing the financial markets, he indicated that "affordable housing concerns are of course significant, and will have to be addressed as part of any reform legislation."

The bipartisan 2014 Johnson-Crapo housing finance reform bill would have funded the national Housing Trust Fund, the Capital Magnet Fund, and a new Market Access Fund through a 10 basis-point assessment on all transactions handled by a new housing finance entity that would replace the government sponsored entities (GSEs), Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Legislators are discussing whether to include this provision, as well as maintain some form of the affordable housing goals that have been required of the GSEs, in new bipartisan legislation.

Mr. Powell's remarks come at a time when legislators are showing renewed energy toward bipartisan housing finance reform. "There really does seem to be a bipartisan discussion on this," Mr. Powell said. He emphasized that now is the time for reform, when the market is healthy and before the memory of the 2008 housing and financial crisis fades.

Watch a recording of the event at: <http://bit.ly/2stGJu5>

Learn more about the future of housing finance at: <http://bit.ly/2syHxjr>

Learn more about the national Housing Trust Fund at: <http://nlihc.org/issues/nhtf>

## **U.S. Conference of Mayors**

### **U.S. Conference of Mayors Calls for Increased Investments in Affordable Housing**

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) is making affordable housing and community development key priorities in its policy agenda. At the organization's 85th Annual Meeting, incoming USCM President Mayor Mitch Landrieu of New Orleans joined his colleagues in unveiling their bipartisan proposal, *Leadership for America: Mayors' Agenda for the Future*. One of the agenda's four top priorities calls to "create equitable communities to increase opportunity for all," by investing in "inclusive neighborhoods, affordable housing, and community development."

The agenda specifically proposes increased funding for the national Housing Trust Fund, public housing, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, as well as for timely implementation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule.

USCM also adopted six resolutions stressing the importance of investment in affordable housing and community development, calling on Congress to create and preserve programs to address the nation's affordable housing crisis.

"The United States Conference of Mayors urges Congress to invest in critical programs that prevent homelessness, create affordable housing, and support community development and job creation," stated one of the resolutions. The resolutions further express the Conference's support for specific legislative action, including passage of the "Affordable Housing Credit and Improvement Act," continued authorization and



funding for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and increased HUD funding for federal housing assistance.

The USCM is the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more, with each city represented by its mayor.

Read *Leadership for America: Mayors' Agenda for the Future* at: <http://bit.ly/2tpnlQ9>

Read USCM's adopted resolutions on housing and community development at: <http://bit.ly/2uJNYyI>

Learn more about the federal budget and appropriations at: <http://nlihc.org/issues/budget>

Learn more about the national Housing Trust Fund at: <http://nlihc.org/issues/nhtf>

Learn more about the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule at: <http://nlihc.org/issues/affh>

## Research

### Report Examines Homeownership Gap between Hispanic and White Households

A Freddie Mac report, *Will the Hispanic Homeownership Gap Persist*, examines the homeownership gap between white and Hispanic households. The current homeownership rate in the U.S. for Hispanics is 45%, 26 percentage points lower than the rate for non-Hispanic whites. A significant portion of this gap can be explained by differences between the two populations with regard to characteristics known to influence homeownership, including age, education, English proficiency, income, and region of the U.S. A portion of the gap, however, cannot be explained by these factors.

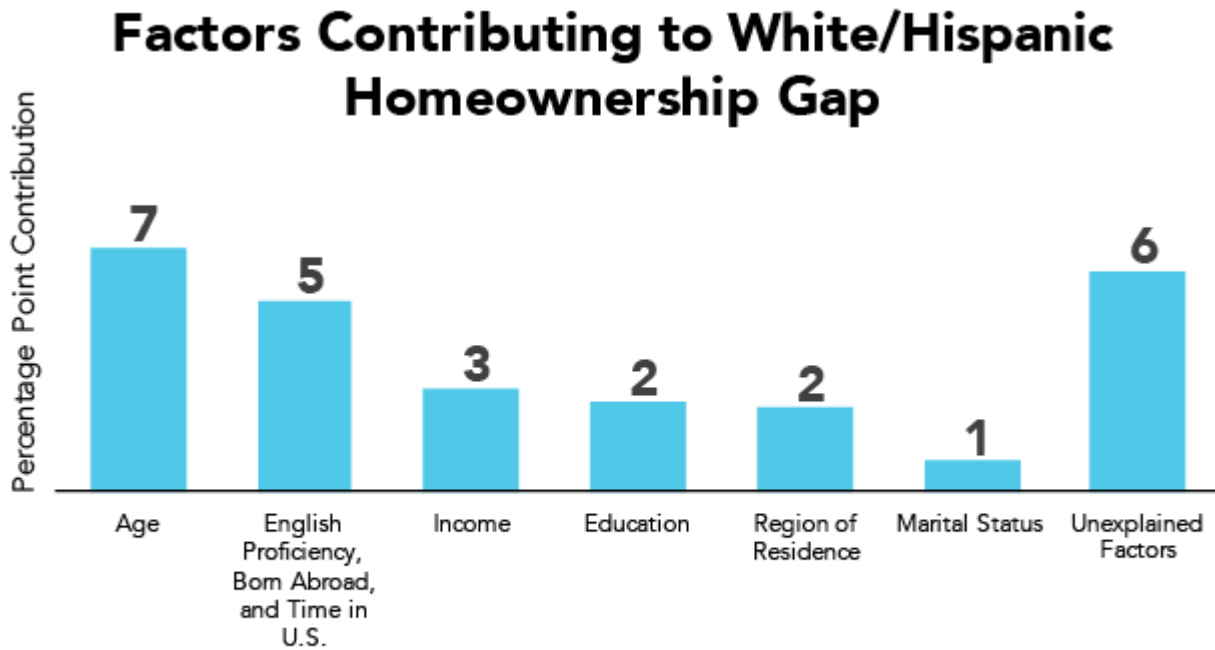
The report focused on Mexican-origin Hispanics to show how a population's characteristics partially account for the homeownership gap. The homeownership rate of Mexican-origin Hispanic households is 23 percentage points lower than for white households. The average age of Mexican-origin Hispanics is 11 years younger than that of whites. This age difference accounts for nearly seven percentage points (or 30 percent) of the homeownership gap. Six percentage points of the gap can be explained by immigration-specific attributes, such as English proficiency, foreign-born status, and time spent in the U.S. More than two percentage points of the gap can be explained by the lower incomes of Hispanic households (\$45,000 median income vs. \$62,000 for white households) and another two percentage points can be explained by lower college graduation rates (5% of Hispanics have Bachelor's degrees vs. 31% of whites). Three percentage points of the gap, or 13%, cannot be explained by these factors. Some of the unexplained gap may be due to wealth differences and discrimination.

The report estimates that a modest decline in the age gap between Hispanics and whites will reduce the homeownership disparity by more than 5 percentage points by 2035, not accounting for changes in income or education. If Hispanics follow the pattern of previous immigrant populations, their education and income levels should increase over time, helping to further reduce the homeownership gap. A threat, however, is rising job polarization, defined as the economy's loss of middle-skill jobs and gain in low-skill and high-skill jobs. This polarization may reduce economic opportunities for immigrants with limited or moderate education, thereby reducing their ability to become homeowners.

*Will the Hispanic Homeownership Gap Persist* is available at: <http://bit.ly/2uiW5lq>

## Fact of The Week

### Range of Factors Affect Homeownership Gap between Whites and Hispanics



Source: Freddie Mac (2017).

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## From the Field

### Two Groups Merge to Form New Arizona Housing Coalition

The Arizona Housing Alliance and the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness (AZCEH) are merging to form the Arizona Housing Coalition. The new coalition will participate in NLIHC's state partner coalition. The merger took effect on July 1. By combining networks and resources of the two organizations, the Arizona Housing Coalition is now in a better position to effect change through stronger advocacy to achieve expanded support for affordable housing and homelessness programs.



*Speaking Up for Home and Hope*

The merger process began two years ago with extensive exploratory work and preparation. In April of this year, the respective boards of directors voted to approve the merger to better serve the more than 200 organizational members of the new coalition and to increase their collective impact.

Joan Serviss and Val Iverson will serve as co-executive directors of the Arizona Housing Coalition moving forward. In a joint statement, the co-executive directors stated, “The Arizona Housing Coalition will be a collaborative association that leads in the efforts to end homelessness and provide safe, affordable homes for all Arizonans.”

Both organizations share a common vision to house every Arizonan in a quality home that they can afford. This merger allows for a consolidation of programs, services, and resources to better achieve this common goal. Existing programming from each organization will remain in place and improved upon as this new Arizona Housing Coalition moves forward.

For more information about the Arizona Housing Coalition, contact Val Iverson at [val@azhousingalliance.org](mailto:val@azhousingalliance.org) or Joan Serviss at [jserviss@azceh.org](mailto:jserviss@azceh.org).

### **New York City Housing and Homelessness Advocates Stage Three-Day “Cuomoville” Demonstration and Sleep-Out**

More than 100 New York City housing and homelessness advocates, including homeless people and tenants of rent-regulated, subsidized, and public housing units, staged a “Cuomoville” demonstration and sleep-out in front of the New York City office of Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) June 14-17. The Cuomoville advocates slept overnight in front of Mr. Cuomo’s midtown Manhattan office building for three nights to protest statewide low income housing policies that the groups say favor developers at the expense of low income renters.

The demonstration and sleep-out were led by the Alliance for Tenant Power, which was joined by the New York State Tenants & Neighbors Coalition (Tenants & Neighbors), an NLIHC state partner, the Real Rent Reform Campaign, VOCAL-NY, Community Voices Heard, Flatbush Tenant Coalition, Crown Heights Tenant Union, Housing Conservation Coordinators, Metropolitan Council on Housing, New York Communities for Change, Make the Road New York, Churches United to Save and Heal, Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, Tenants PAC, Democratic Socialists of America, Picture the Homeless, and New York Progressive Action Network. New York City Council Member Jumaane Williams (D) expressed his support of the action.

Mr. Cuomo signed a 2017-18 New York State budget deal in April that included \$2.5 billion for the development of new affordable rental housing across the state. (See *Memo 4/17*.) This \$2.5 billion marked a victory for the 3-year Campaign 4 NY/NY Housing, a coalition of housing and homelessness advocates that included some of the organizations who also participated in the Cuomoville demonstration. Some Cuomoville

participants celebrated this year's significant funding allocation, but many insist that the funding is insufficient to meet the immediate needs of people experiencing housing instability and homelessness in New York City. Others cite significant failures in the Governor's housing and homelessness policies and identified priorities that require urgent action.

While the April budget deal included a significant allocation of new resources to housing, advocates protested what they called a failed housing agenda that favors high-end and luxury developers over low and moderate income renters, public housing residents, and homeless New Yorkers. Advocates criticize that this year's funding will go directly to housing developers in the form of the controversial 421-A state property tax abatement. Some of the developers who will benefit from the 421-A tax credit are the same companies constructing high-end luxury developments in rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods across New York City. Developers become eligible for the 421-A tax abatement when a percentage of units in a residential development are set aside as affordable units. But under 421-A, households with annual incomes as high as \$100,000 will be eligible to live in rental units qualifying as "affordable," and some rents on qualifying units may be as high as \$2,500 per month. Extremely low income households in the New York City metropolitan area, those with incomes at or below 30% of the median income, have annual incomes at or below \$20,200 and can afford a monthly rent of just \$505 without spending more than 30% of their income on housing.

Cuomoville participants argue that 421-A is a misaligned housing policy that needs to be rebalanced to assist those with the greatest needs. They call for strengthening the state's rent laws, which impact 2.5 million New Yorkers, and investing in public housing, which houses more than 600,000 New Yorkers, as solutions that would more immediately and meaningfully address the housing and homelessness crisis in the city. Demonstrators note that loopholes in the state's rent laws allow landlords to increase monthly rents on existing tenants beyond what they can reasonably afford, leading to eviction and increased homelessness and worsening the lack of affordable housing for the lowest income residents. According to the latest data available from the New York City-based Coalition for the Homeless, an NLIHC state partner, on any given night there are more than 62,000 adults and children sleeping in New York City homeless shelters.

The Alliance for Tenant Power issued a press statement during the Cuomoville demonstration that reads in part: "Cuomoville launched a statewide movement uniting tenant advocates, public housing residents, and homeless New Yorkers to address the unaffordability crisis in New York State leading up to Governor Cuomo's bid for reelection in 2018," said Tenants & Neighbors Executive Director Katie Goldstein. "Housing affordability is getting significantly worse in New York State, and Cuomoville was our first action laying that crisis at Governor Cuomo's door."

For more information contact Katie Goldstein at [kgoldstein@tandn.org](mailto:kgoldstein@tandn.org)

## **Other NLIHC News**

### **Remember to Support NLIHC While Shopping Amazon Smile!**

Please remember that you can support NLIHC when you shop online this summer on [Amazon Smile](#). Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support NLIHC and our mission to ensure that the lowest income households in America have access to affordable and decent homes. With every Amazon Smile purchase, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to NLIHC at no additional cost to you!

Click here to start supporting NLIHC's work while shopping: <http://amzn.to/2ew9GOn>

Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

## NLIHC Seeks Interns for Fall Semester

NLIHC is still accepting applications for internship positions for the fall 2017 semester. Interns are highly valued and fully integrated into our staff work. We seek students passionate about social justice issues with excellent writing and interpersonal skills.

The available positions are:

- **Field Intern.** Assists the NLIHC Field team in creating email campaigns focused on important federal policies, writing blogs, managing our database of membership records, mobilizing the field for the legislative efforts, and reaching out to new and existing members.
- **Research Intern.** Assists in ongoing quantitative and qualitative research projects, writes weekly articles on current research for NLIHC's weekly *Memo to Members* newsletter, attends briefings, and responds to research inquiries. Quantitative skills and experience with SPSS a plus.
- **Communications/Media/Graphic Design Intern.** Prepares and distributes press materials, assists with media research and outreach for publication releases, works on social media projects, maintains a media database, and tracks press hits. Also assists with sending out e-communications; designing collateral print material such as brochures, flyers, and factsheets; and updating content on the NLIHC website. Graphic design and Adobe Creative Cloud (Illustrator, InDesign, and/or Photoshop) experience needed. Please provide 3 design samples and/or link to online portfolio in addition to a writing sample.

Fall interns are expected to work 25 hours a week beginning in August or September and finishing up in December. A modest stipend is provided. A cover letter, resume, and writing sample are required for consideration. In your cover letter, please specify the position(s) for which you are applying and that you are interested in the fall 2017 internship.

Interested students should send their materials to: Paul Kealey, chief operating officer, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005 via email to [pkealey@nlihc.org](mailto:pkealey@nlihc.org).

### Where to Find Us – July 10

NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel and other NLIHC staff will be speaking at the following events in the coming months:

- National Alliance to End Homelessness [conference](#), Washington, DC on July 18 and 19
- A Home for Everyone's "[Making Housing a Priority](#)" Conference in La Crosse, WI, July 19-20
- The Monarch Housing and New Jersey Housing and Community Development Network [2017 New Jersey Congressional Reception](#) in Washington DC on July 26
- [NeighborWorks Training Institute](#), Philadelphia, PA, August 14-16
- The United Native American Housing Association [Summer Meeting](#) in Polson, MT on August 21
- [Kansas Housing Conference](#) in Wichita, KS on August 23
- The [Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Event](#) in Newburgh, NY on September 14

- [Tennessee Housing Development Agency Conference](#) in Nashville, TN on September 21
- The Housing Washington 2017 "[24th Annual Affordable Housing Conference](#)" in Spokane, WA, October 2-4
- [Empower Missouri](#) annual conference in St. Louis, MO, October 5-6
- [Grounded Solutions Intersections 2017](#) in Oakland, CA, October 9-12
- [Ohio Housing Conference](#) in Columbus, OH on November 7
- [ReFrame Association Conference: Home, Health, and Hope](#) in Kingsport, TN on November 9
- Yale University event in New Haven, CT on November 28

## **NLIHC in the News**

### **NLIHC in the News for the Week of July 2**

The following are some of the news stories that NLIHC contributed to during the week of July 2:

- “Housing help for Congress? How about for people who really need it?,” op-ed by NLIHC President and CEO, *USA Today*, July 6 at: <https://usat.ly/2uNc7UM>
- “The affordable housing crisis and its connection to the wage-rent gap,” op-ed by NLIHC President and CEO and Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN), *The Hill - Blogs*, July 6 at: <http://bit.ly/2uuQQjv>
- “Program to Spur Low-Income Housing Is Keeping Cities Segregated,” *The New York Times*, July 2 at: <http://nyti.ms/2u13cmv>
- “Told to remove all families or lose funding, The Road Home is grappling with some harsh math,” *The Salt Lake Tribune*, July 1 at: <http://bit.ly/2sz1g0d>

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