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Point of View

HUD “Mixed-Status” Immigration Rule is Based on a Lie— by NLIHC President and CEO Diane Yentel

Last week, HUD proposed to evict families with undocumented immigrants in their households from public and other subsidized housing. Over fifty thousand deeply poor children – all US citizens or legal permanent residents - would be evicted and put at high risk of homelessness. The cruelty of the proposal is breathtaking, and the harm it would inflict on children and families is severe. By [HUD’s own admission](#) there would be no benefit to families on housing waiting lists.

To be clear: **federal housing subsidies do not support undocumented immigrants.** Doing so is clearly not permitted by law or regulations and does not occur in practice. What *is* permitted are “mixed-status” households. These are households where undocumented or otherwise assisted-housing-ineligible immigrant family members are permitted to live in a home with their eligible family members, with the rents for the family strictly prorated to ensure that none of the subsidy assists with the undocumented immigrant’s portion of the rent. There are several ways public housing authorities (PHAs) can calculate the rent charged to those households in order to ensure subsidies do not benefit the undocumented immigrant. But the results are the same: mixed-status households pay significantly higher rents than do similarly situated and sized households who are not mixed-status.

The proposal to evict over 100,000 people during the height of a housing crisis is unconscionable. Equally abhorrent are the administration’s misleading statements and outright lies about subsidies for immigrant families. There’s no bothering with dog-whistles here; the lies pit “real Americans” against black and brown immigrants.

Secretary Carson says his proposal is to help “legitimate American citizens,” so that we can “put America’s most vulnerable first.” According to [HUD’s own analysis](#), Secretary Carson’s proposal would lead to the eviction and possible homelessness of 55,000 deeply poor children – all U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. Secretary Carson’s mistruths about his proposal indicate either that he lacks a basic understanding of the programs he oversees or that he is lying. Either way, it is an abdication of his most basic responsibility of knowing and conveying the truth about HUD programs and the people they serve.

His disregard for the truth gives ground for others to expand on the lie. Representative Ted Budd (R-NC) thanked Secretary Carson for “putting Americans first and making sure that taxpayer money isn’t going to provide (subsidized) housing to illegal immigrants.” Carson thanked him for his support and said, “Together we can make certain our scarce public resources help those who are legally entitled to it.” HUD subsidies, as Secretary Carson should well know, assist only those who are legally entitled to them.

Representative Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) took the lie further. He said on Twitter that we should, “stop the abuse on our public housing system so that we are prioritizing Americans who need it most.” He further thanked Secretary Carson for “putting our most vulnerable Americans first and ensuring they get the aid they need.” Perhaps Representative Crenshaw doesn’t know that Secretary Carson’s proposal would evict tens of thousands of deeply poor American children; perhaps he does know but prefers his own untrue insinuation that undocumented immigrants are jumping ahead of those “most in need” to “abuse” the public housing system. Senator Tom Cotton (R-AK) said outright what others merely insinuated: “new action by the Trump administration will help ensure illegal aliens can’t use loopholes to jump U.S. citizens in line for public housing.”

Scoring cheap and easy political points at the expense of deeply poor American children, as Secretary Carson’s proposal attempts to do, is unconscionable. Stoking fear, vitriol and hatred is dangerous. These lies provide some in the public cover to blindly believe them. Thousands have left vile and inaccurate comments on online

stories covering Carson’s proposed rule, parroting the lies and following them to a racist and equally untrue conclusion: that immigrants are to blame for the housing and homeless crisis.

This weekend, I experienced the hateful rhetoric firsthand. After being quoted in multiple news stories speaking out against both the cruel proposal and the lies at their root, I received voicemails, emails and Twitter mentions declaring “U R a TRAITOR” and a “terrible person.”

“How dare you,” one elderly caller yelled into my voicemail, “you’re allowing illegal immigrants to take what belongs to me. You should not be representing people that are doing wrong by our country. This is going to end.” She further shouted, “You should be representing American citizens, not illegals who don’t even know what the f&%! country they’re in. We don’t want any more people in our country taking our housing.”

Secretary Carson’s proposal is another in a long line of attempts by the Trump administration to instill fear in immigrants throughout the country and to use racism to turn “regular Americans” against them. We must not stand for it. Speaking out and speaking truth - clearly, unequivocally, consistently – is more important than ever. At NLIHC, we’ll continue to do so every day. I hope you’ll join us.

HUD

Trump Administration Publishes Proposed “Mixed-Status” Rule that Would Lead to Family Separations and Evictions for Certain Immigrant Families

HUD published a [proposed rule](#) in the *Federal Register* on May 10 that would lead to thousands of “mixed-status” immigrant families that have members who are undocumented or otherwise ineligible for public and other subsidized housing to split up or be evicted, putting them at high risk of homelessness. More than 25 organizations joined NLIHC in a [joint press statement](#) condemning the proposed rule as cruel and doing nothing to alleviate the nation’s affordable housing crisis. Advocates have until July 9 to submit comments to HUD. NLIHC and our partners will provide resources to help advocates oppose the rule.

Under current statute and regulation, mixed-status families - those that include members who are eligible and others who are ineligible for housing assistance based on their immigration status - are permitted to live together in subsidized housing. The housing subsidy for such households is prorated to exclude the ineligible individual(s) from the assistance. U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees, and asylum seekers are eligible to receive housing assistance. Importantly, just because a household member is an “ineligible” immigrant, they are not necessarily undocumented. Immigrants can have legal status and still not be eligible to receive housing assistance. Residents can declare themselves ineligible without being required to reveal their immigration status.

The proposed rule would prohibit mixed-status families from living in public and other subsidized housing. Such families will be evicted from their subsidized housing after 18 months or sooner. HUD estimates there are 25,000 families of mixed-immigration status receiving housing assistance, the majority of whom live in New York, California, and Texas. HUD states that the proposed rule could displace more than 55,000 children, all of whom are legal U.S. residents or citizens, and would force housing providers to provide less rental assistance to people in need.

Under the proposed rule, individuals who are not verified as having an eligible immigration status may not be the head of a household or the spouse of the head of the household. HUD also proposes to require that the eligible immigration status of all members of a family under the age of 62 be verified through the Department

of Homeland Security’s Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program (SAVE). The existing regulation excuses a family member from submitting documentation regarding their status.

The proposal would also threaten housing assistance for millions of households that remain eligible for assistance and consist only of U.S. citizens or eligible immigrants. It would require tens of thousands of housing agencies and private property owners to collect documents “proving” the citizenship of more than 9 million assisted residents who have already attested, under penalty of perjury, that they are U.S. citizens, as well as the citizenship of future applicants for assistance. And it would require some 120,000 elderly immigrants to submit documents indicating their status. If individuals are unable to produce these documents in the timeframe permitted, they can lose their housing assistance and, in turn, their homes.

Read the rule at: <https://bit.ly/2YlhauI>

Read HUD’s analysis of the impacts of the proposed rule at: <https://bit.ly/2HcddT4>

Read the joint press statement by advocates opposing the rule at: <https://bit.ly/2Vqp2xX>

Join Twitterstorm on May 16 at 3 p.m. ET to Oppose HUD’s Rule that Would Evict Certain Immigrant Families from Subsidized Housing

The Trump administration published a proposed rule on May 10 that would prohibit “mixed-status” immigrant families from living in public and other subsidized housing (see related article in this *Memo to Members and Partners*). The rule would result in family separations and evictions for certain immigrant families, putting tens of thousands of people and children at increased risk of homelessness. NLIHC and the National Housing Law Project are hosting a Twitterstorm on **May 16 at 3 p.m. ET** to oppose this harmful and cruel proposal.

Mixed-status families are households that include members who are eligible and others who are ineligible for housing assistance based on their immigration status. Current statute and law allow families to live together in subsidized housing with one or more eligible family members; the housing subsidy is prorated to exclude the ineligible person from the assistance. Under the proposed rule, families with members who are deemed ineligible will be forced to separate from one another or be evicted from their subsidized housing after 18 months or sooner.

Here are some sample tweets advocates can use during the May 16 Twitterstorm:

- The HUD proposed rule to prohibit families of mixed-status from living in federally subsidized housing is cruel. Tell @SecretaryCarson to #KeepFamiliesTogether & retract this rule #protectfamilies
- HUD does NOT fund undocumented immigrants living in subsidized housing! The new proposed rule would break up families & do little to shorten wait lists. #KeepFamiliesTogether Tell @SecretaryCarson NO to this cruel rule! #protectfamilies
- Secretary Carson’s unconscionable proposal would evict over 100,000 people, including 55,000 deeply poor children that are US citizens or legal residents, at the height of an affordable housing crisis. #KeepFamiliesTogether
- Undocumented immigrants do NOT receive housing subsidies—it isn’t allowed in law or regs and doesn’t happen in practice. HUD rule isn’t for shortening housing waiting lists but for instilling fear in families. #KeepFamiliesTogether

- Prohibiting mixed-status families from being able to live together is cruel & unnecessary. Tell @SecretaryCarson to #KeepFamiliesTogether #protectfamilies
- HUD's mixed-status families rule places thousands, incl 55,000 children that are US citizens or legal residents, at risk of homelessness. #KeepFamiliesTogether. Tell @SecretaryCarson you stand against splitting up/evicting families
- Housing stability is crucial for getting families on path to a better life. HUD's proposed mixed-status rule threatens this path for some low-income immigrants. #KeepFamiliesTogether, support housing asst. for people w/ greatest needs

NLIHC Provides Materials from Webinar on HUD's Proposed Section 3 Rule

NLIHC recently held a webinar for residents of subsidized housing on the public housing-related provisions of HUD's proposed revisions to Section 3 regulations. During the webinar, public housing and Section 8 residents provided valuable feedback to help inform NLIHC's formal comments to HUD. The webinar slides are available at: <https://bit.ly/2Ya5f2y> and a recording of the webinar, which was closed-captioned, is at: <https://bit.ly/307niYW>

A May 3 revised version of NLIHC's Summary and Analysis of the proposed rule is at: <https://bit.ly/2DXftvw>

A May 3 revised version of NLIHC's Summary of the public housing portions of the proposed rule is at: <https://bit.ly/2ZZGZBU>

An easy-to-read version of the proposed rule is at: <https://bit.ly/2TTTsCV>

NLIHC will provide sample comment letters next week.

Comments on the proposed rule are due June 3.

The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that, when HUD funds are used to assist housing and community development projects, "to the greatest extent feasible" preference for some of the jobs and training opportunities created go to low-income people, particularly those who are recipients of government housing assistance. Preference for awarding contracts should also be given to businesses owned or controlled by low-income people or to businesses that hire them.

HUD Provides Interim Guidance on Bed-Bug Provisions in Model Leases

HUD sent a memorandum to its staff and owners and managers of HUD-assisted multifamily properties providing interim updated guidance regarding prevention and response to pest infestation, particularly bed bugs.

Housing Notice 2012-5, issued in 2012, is now out of date due to advances in the treatment of pests and an increased understanding of the importance of a property-wide integrated pest management (IPM) strategy. In addition, many properties are adding bed-bug lease addenda to the HUD Model Lease that may contain provisions conflicting with the Model Lease or current guidance. HUD is therefore drafting an updated notice. Until the new notice is published, HUD has provided Model Lease guidance through the memorandum.

HUD Field Office staff must approve any additions, including addenda, or changes, to the Model Lease. The memorandum lists a number of provisions HUD staff should consider before granting approval and should deny any addenda that contradict the listed provisions. Several of those provisions include:

- The Model Lease requires landlords to provide extermination services, as necessary.
- Rental assistance, owner advances, and reserve-for-replacement funds may be used to control infestations.
- A regular, proactive inspection program by management is a crucial component of IPM.

HUD concludes that its Field staff should rescind any leases or addenda that shift the burden for inspection, reporting, and cost of extermination to residents.

The memorandum is at: <https://bit.ly/2vPyLhW>

Congress

Lawmakers Denounce Proposed Mixed-Status Rule for Immigrant Families that Would Lead to Family Separations and Evictions

Lawmakers in both the House and Senate denounced a new rule proposed by the Trump Administration that would lead to thousands of “mixed-status” immigrant families that have members who are undocumented or otherwise ineligible for public and other subsidized housing to split up or be evicted, putting them at high risk of homelessness.

House Financial Services Committee Chair Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Representative Sylvia Garcia (D-TX) [sent a letter](#) signed by 20 other lawmakers to HUD Secretary Ben Carson demanding he withdraw the rule.

The letter states in part:

“If implemented, this rule would put tens of thousands of families who are living in public housing or Section 8 project-based rental (PBRA) assistance or receiving a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) at risk of eviction, homelessness, and family separation despite existing requirements that prevent people with ineligible immigration status from receiving HUD subsidies. We urge you to immediately withdraw this proposed rule. This proposed rule is yet another proposal from HUD under your leadership that fundamentally contradicts the agency’s mission ‘to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.’ This cruel and needless targeting of struggling immigrant families only contributes to historic patterns of inequality, which ultimately hinder the U.S. housing market and American economy.”

Representative Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) led [another letter](#), signed by members of the New York City congressional delegation, that also demanded HUD withdraw the proposed rule. The letter reads in part:

“The retroactive nature of the proposed rule’s provisions is likely to exacerbate homeless[ness] across the country since heads of households, spouses and other current tenants would be forced to meet new criteria that were not in force during the time of their original lease or provision of benefits. Your approach represents a major shift from current HUD policy, and by design makes it more difficult for families to have access to assistance for which they would otherwise be eligible.”

Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-OH) [tweeted](#), “If Secretary Carson and this White House really wanted to address housing needs, they wouldn't have slashed affordable housing in their budget.”

Native American Housing

HUD Releases Notice of Funding Availability for New Tribal Housing Grant

HUD released on May 7 a Notice of Funding Availability ([NOFA](#)) for nearly \$200 million in new competitive funding through the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program. Congress appropriated \$100 million for this new program in both fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and tribal housing authorities have been awaiting a NOFA for more than a year.

NLIHC joined about 40 tribal leaders and housing authorities in submitting a [letter](#) to HUD in October, 2018, recommending the new funding target tribal areas with the greatest housing needs, including those with high poverty rates and serious overcrowding. The NOFA includes several of our collective recommendations but lacks deep income-targeting.

As outlined in the appropriations language, the funding will prioritize projects that build new affordable homes, rehabilitate existing homes to extend usefulness and alleviate substandard housing conditions, or address affordable housing-related infrastructure needs. Native Americans living in tribal areas face higher-than-average rates of overcrowding, lack of plumbing and heat, and unique development issues, and these funds aim to address this severe shortage of housing and substandard conditions. The NOFA does not, however, prioritize projects targeted to those with the lowest incomes, as NLIHC and tribal partners recommended, using instead existing standards to measure need. The NOFA does include strong provisions to ensure tribally designated housing entities have the capacity to complete and maintain projects.

Find the NOFA and grant application at: <https://bit.ly/2DXeYle>

Read the October letter from NLIHC and tribal leaders and housing authorities at: <http://bit.ly/2zRrvos>

Budget and Appropriations

House Committee Approves Topline Funding Levels for FY20

The House Appropriations Committee approved, by a party-line vote of 30-22, spending limits for its fiscal year (FY) 2020 spending bills on May 8. For FY20, the Committee would provide the Transportation-HUD spending bill \$75.8 billion, an increase of \$4.7 billion or 6.6% over its FY19 funding level.

This robust increase in funding should be enough to cover the estimated \$2.1 billion decline in Federal Housing Administration receipts that offset spending in the HUD budget, as well as the increases needed to fully renew housing vouchers and project-based rental assistance contracts. The Committee has already begun writing spending bills to these limits and seeks to pass all of its FY20 bills by the end of June. Congress must still, however, reach a bipartisan deal to lift austere spending limits required by law to avoid across-the-board cuts known as sequestration in FY20. Under sequestration, discretionary programs would be cut by about 10% or approximately \$125 billion.

Our Homes, Our Voices

Invite Your Members of Congress to Your Housing Week of Action Event!

Now is the time to invite your members of Congress to attend your *Our Homes, Our Voices* National Housing Week of Action (May 30-June 5) event! Members of Congress will be in their home districts May 30 to June 2. Involve them in Week of Action to heighten their understanding about the importance of safe, affordable, and accessible homes. You could ask them to speak at your event, tour a residential affordable housing property, and/or engage them in discussions with residents and service providers.

In 2018 more than 100 members of Congress and other elected officials participated in the *Our Homes, Our Voices* Week of Action, attending events and/or participating via social media. Watch a recap of last year's Week of Action with many examples of lawmakers' participation at: <https://bit.ly/2uitAo6>

To get your event on congressional members' calendars, we recommend you call, email, *and* mail an invitation to their local offices closest to your event as soon as possible! An invitation template can be found [here](#), and you can find your members of Congress [here](#). A template congressional letter that you can use during the week to encourage members to lift up the topic of affordable housing can be found [here](#). If you would like the direct email address of schedulers in a given congressional office, we can provide that for you. Just email us at: ourhomes@nlihc.org

Some examples of members of Congress participating in last year's Week of Action events:



Senator Jack Reed (RI) (left) at Rhode Island Week of Action Event with NLIHC CEO Diane Yentel (center) and others.



Senator Pat Leahy (VT) addresses crowd at Vermont Week of Action event.



NLIHC CEO Diane Yentel, Representative Katherine Clarke (MA), and Metro Housing Boston Executive Director Chris Norris

Please let us know about the event and/or activities you are planning for Week of Action by registering them at www.ourhomes-ourvoices/current-events or by emailing ourhomes@nlihc.org.

Tools and resources for Week of Action events are being uploaded to the Week of Action [Resources page](#) on an ongoing basis, including (new last week):

1. **Selfie Frame** for those of you who might doing Tweetstorm events with residents or advocates. Instructions on how to order a selfie frame are available on the website.
2. **Facebook and Twitter header images** for you to download to your profiles to help promote Week of Action and your event.

Thank you for your leadership as we prepare for another successful *Our Homes, Our Voices* National Housing Week of Action!

Disaster Housing Recovery

House Passes New Disaster Aid Package, but Senate Remains at Impasse

Congress is still at an impasse over a disaster aid package that would provide billions of dollars to impacted communities across the country. While the Senate struggles to reach a compromise, the House passed a \$17.2 billion aid package ([H.R. 2157](#)) by a vote of 257-150 on May 10 that includes \$2.21 billion in Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for areas impacted by major disasters in 2018 and 2019.

The main dispute is over funding for Puerto Rico. President Trump has objected to providing the additional funding requested by the government of Puerto Rico and Democrats. The president has also recently requested the package include funding for border security, and several senators are seeking to add money benefiting their states. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has stated he hopes to have a disaster bill finalized before the end of May.

Additional Disaster Housing Recovery Updates – May 13, 2019

The following is a review of additional disaster housing recovery developments since the last edition of *Memo to Members and Partners* (for the article in the previous *Memo*, see [5/6](#)).

2018 California Wildfires

FEMA issued an [FAQ](#) page on manufactured housing units and FEMA temporary housing.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development released a [Notice of Funding Availability](#) for approximately \$100 million in CalHome Program funds to assist 12 counties impacted by 2017 and 2018 disasters.

New [data](#) released by California's Department of Finance [shows](#) a dramatic change in housing stock and population following the Camp Fire. The fire was the most destructive in state history, destroying 1,400 homes - 90% of Paradise's housing stock - and displacing 83% of the population. Most survivors relocated to the neighboring cities of Chico and Oroville.

A story from *NPR reports* that more than 1,000 mostly low-income families are still searching for temporary housing following the Camp Fire. These survivors have received little if any assistance from FEMA and are often forced rely on other community members.

Hurricane Michael

Florida

Florida's legislature secured \$240 million in the budget for Hurricane Michael recovery. Representative Jay Trumbull estimated that \$600 million is necessary to rebuild and said more aid is expected from FEMA. A *Government Technology* "Emergency Management" [article](#) provides a break-down of the funds delivered to Bay County.

Bay County leaders [approved](#) a deal to obtain 50 FEMA trailers for Hurricane Michael survivors. The County will provide these trailers with less stringent eligibility requirements compared to FEMA's. County Commission Chairman Philip Griffiths does not yet know when the trailers will become available but expects them soon. City Manager Mark McQueen said previously he hopes the city can get up to 250 surplus trailers.

The *Orlando Sentinel* published an [op-ed](#) by Diane Yentel, NLIHC president and CEO, discussing the Trump administration's slow and inadequate response to Hurricane Michael. President Trump held a reelection rally in Panama City – where hundreds of people remain homeless following the storm – on May 8.

Hurricane Florence

North Carolina

Residents of Jervay Place Apartments in Wilmington were told efforts to repair storm-damaged homes would take 3-6 months, but tenants have now been [displaced](#) for 9 months. Jervay tenant Acquanetta McNeil addressed Wilmington's City Council on May 7 to request help and called on policymakers to develop a long-term affordable housing plan.

Mobile home park residents in Robeson County have raised [concerns](#) about private mobile park owners hiking rents as much as 200% in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Many former residents have moved in with family members or left the area entirely.

2017 Disasters

Housing conditions for Florida's largest farmworker community have [worsened](#) since Hurricane Irma. The nonprofit Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, comprised of Peace River Presbytery, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and other concerned churches and nonprofits, is responding by raising funds to build up to 144 affordable apartments on 10 acres located at Lake Trafford Road and 19th Street.

Research

Middle-Income Households Typically Fare Well on Housing Measures Except in Some High-Cost Metros

A report by the Brookings Institution, [Cost, crowding, commuting? Housing stress on the middle class](#), finds that middle-income households in the U.S. on average fare well on three measures of housing stress: affordability, crowding (home size), and commute times. The report notes some exceptions, particularly for

lower-middle-income households and households living in high-cost metro areas. The report recommends state and local governments address the inadequate housing supply that has led to high prices in high-cost metros.

The report defined middle-class households as those in the middle 60% of their metropolitan area's income distribution. The authors focused on households with at least one adult aged 18 to 65 in the labor force.

Middle-income households spent, on average, less than 30% of their incomes on housing costs. Lower-middle-income households, however, spent nearly 40% on average, making them housing cost-burdened. Poor households in the bottom 20% of the income distribution spent on average more than 60% of their incomes on housing, making them severely housing cost-burdened. Poor and lower-middle income households were cost-burdened regardless of whether they lived in low-cost or high-cost metro areas.

Three percent of middle-income households nationally experience housing crowding, defined as more than two persons per bedroom. The report notes two groups with higher rates of crowding: lower-middle-income households in the highest-priced metros (9%) and families with children in the highest-priced metros (14%).

Average commute times varied little by household income or household type, but they did vary by metropolitan housing prices. The average commute time was 8 minutes longer in the most expensive metros compared to the least expensive metros. Very long-commute times of more than one hour were more common (greater than 10% of commutes) in high-cost metros.

Homeownership rates were lower in high-cost metro areas. The report also highlights the racial disparities in middle-income homeownership, with white households significantly more likely than black and Hispanic households to be homeowners.

The report notes that much of the housing stress among middle-income households is in high-cost markets. Given that federal housing resources are insufficient to serve even the lowest-income households, the report acknowledges that more federal assistance for middle-income households is unlikely. The report calls on local and state governments to implement long-term housing solutions that increase the supply of housing, particularly near jobs and transit infrastructure.

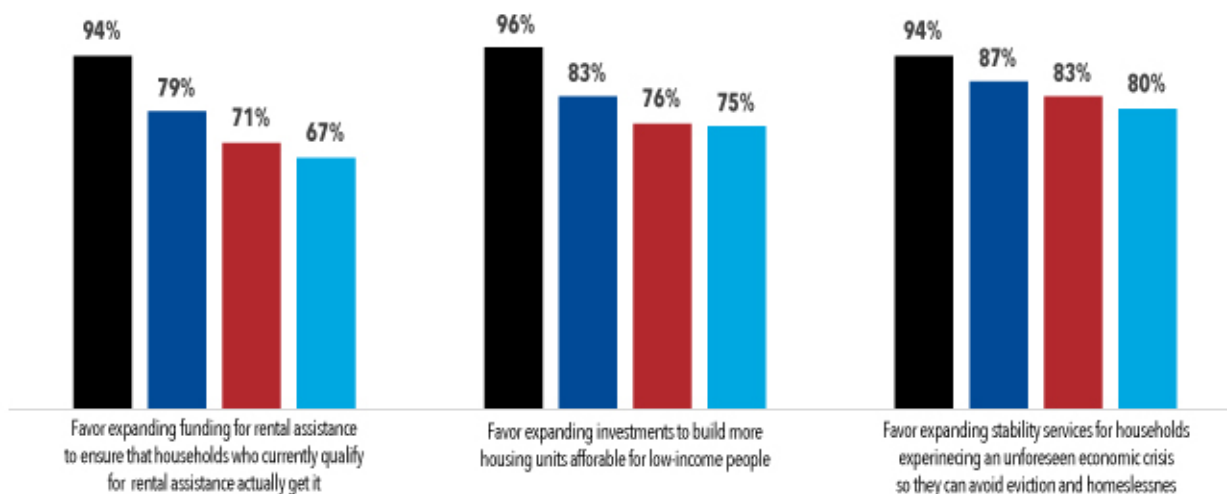
Cost, crowding, or commuting? Housing stress on the middle class is available at: <https://brook.gs/2YeFOwM>

Fact of the Week

Americans Across the Political Spectrum Overwhelmingly Support Affordable Housing Solutions

Public Support for Affordable Housing Solutions

■ Democrat ■ Independent ■ Republican ■ Conservative Republican



Note: % of respondents who strongly or somewhat favor the policy solution.

Source: NLIHC's Opportunity Starts at Home Public Opinion Polling on Housing Affordability conducted by Hart Research, March 28, 2019.

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Opportunity Starts at Home

JustLeadershipUSA Joins *Opportunity Starts at Home* Steering Committee

[JustLeadershipUSA](#) (JLUSA) announced on May 1 that it is joining the [Opportunity Starts at Home](#) multisector affordable homes campaign Steering Committee. JLUSA is a national advocacy organization dedicated to cutting the nation's correctional population in half by 2030.

JLUSA empowers people most affected by incarceration to drive policy reform with a network of formerly incarcerated people. Joining the *Opportunity Starts at Home* Steering Committee offers an additional way for JLUSA to focus on the myriad connections that exist between criminal justice and housing policy.

"We need to move beyond criminal justice reform and think about social justice reform," stated JLUSA President and CEO DeAnna Hoskins in a press release. "In doing that, lived experience and research make clear that access to affordable, safe housing has to be a priority for the advocates who are doing this work."



JLUSA is the latest addition to the campaign's [Steering Committee](#), marking a significant milestone for the campaign, as JLUSA is the first criminal justice reform organization to join the campaign's leadership.

“We are extremely excited to have JustLeadershipUSA join the Steering Committee,” said Mike Koprowski, national director of *Opportunity Starts at Home*. “JLUSA is one of the nation’s leading criminal justice reform advocacy organizations, and its experience will bring tremendous value to the campaign.”

Read JLUSA’s full press release at: <https://bit.ly/2PSmORU>

Check out the *Opportunity Starts at Home* Criminal Justice & Housing Fact Sheet at: <https://bit.ly/2LrLJgt>

NLIHC in the News

NLIHC in the News for the Week of May 5

The following are some of the news stories that NLIHC contributed to during the week of May 5.

- “HUD says 55,000 children could be displaced under Trump plan to evict undocumented immigrants,” *The Washington Post*, May 10 at: <https://wapo.st/2PUbrZy>
- “Proposed Rule Could Evict 55,000 Children From Subsidized Housing,” *National Public Radio*, May 10 at: <https://n.pr/2He864Y>
- “New HUD rule would render 55,000 children of immigrants homeless,” *Curbed*, May 10 at: <https://bit.ly/2JdMRCr>
- “Trump Admin Moves Ahead with Plan that Could Leave 55,000 Kids Homeless,” *MotherJones*, May 10 at: <https://bit.ly/2J9I84I>
- “Housing coalition chief: Trump has inept response to Panhandle crisis,” *Orlando Sentinel*, May 8 at: <https://bit.ly/2LuXAus>
- “Elizabeth Warren bets big on policy to break through crowded Democratic field,” *CBS News*, May 3 at: <https://cbsn.ws/2HeRPgi>

NLIHC News

Where to Find Us – May 13

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

- Colorado NAHRO Conference, Vail, CO, May 15
- [New York Association for Affordable Housing NYC Pre-Conference](#), New York, NY, May 15
- [National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies Conference](#), Denver, CO, May 16
- American Bankers Association Forum on Affordable Housing, Washington, DC, May 23
- [MARC/MAHRA Conference](#), Oxon Hill, MD, May 30
- National Alliance of HUD Tenants Conference, Alexandria, VA, June 9
- Supportive Housing Network of New York Conference, New York, NY, June 13
- [Mental Health America, Annual Conference: Dueling Diagnoses](#), Washington, DC, June 14
- [National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#), New York, NY, June 18
- RESULTS 2019 International Conference, Washington, DC, July 15
- [Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development](#) Home for Everyone Conference, Eau Claire, WI, July 18-19
- [Utah Housing Coalition Conference](#), Park City, UT, August 27–28

- [Housing & Community Development Network of NJ Annual Conference](#), New Jersey (location TBD), October 18
 - Rural Housing Summit, San Jose, CA, November 7
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