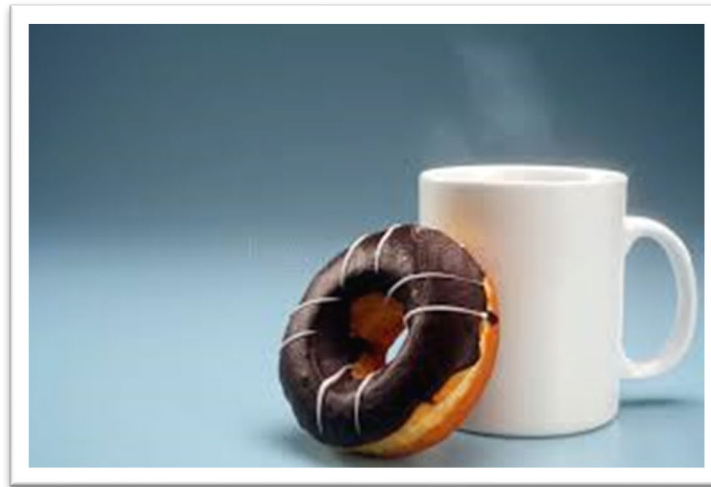


MICAH Anoka County Chapter 2024 Policy Breakfast



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Today, as we gather virtually, it is of utmost importance that we all recognize the land we are living and working on is stolen land from our Native American relatives.

We must seek to understand our place within that history and use that understanding to work towards justice.

*Land Acknowledgement
Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness*



Welcome *to the* MICAHA Anoka County Chapter 2024 Policy Breakfast

Bring Minnesota Home NOW!

Please mute your mic during the regular sessions of the meeting.



Welcome

Sue Baysden

Faith Lutheran, MICAHA Board Member

Faith Reflection

Pastor Kristina Hill

Cross of Hope in Ramsey



THANK YOU!

Policy officials who have said they would be with us today.

Senator Mary Kunesh

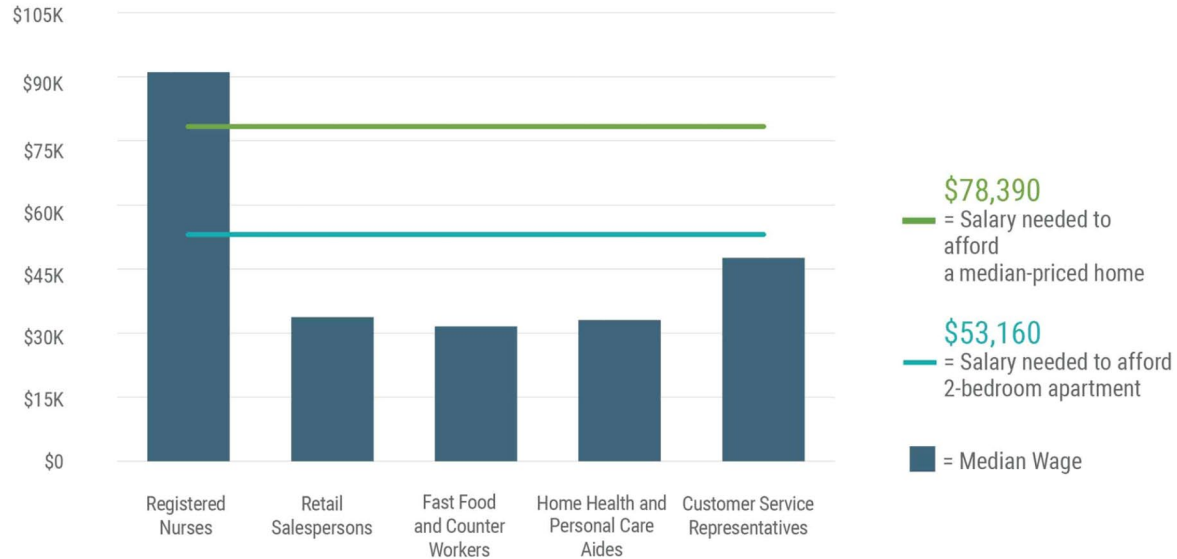
Representative Matt Norris

Anoka County Commissioner Mike Gamache



The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs ANOKA'S COST OF HOUSING



Cost-Burdened # of households in Anoka County	Renter:	11,405
	Owner:	18,918
	Total:	30,323



Historic Minnesota 2023 Legislative Session

\$2.4 Billion Housing and Homelessness Services.

\$1.8 Billion in FY 2024-25, and an additional \$1.7 Billion in FY 2026-27 for health care, economic assistance, behavioral health, and childcare.

Over \$1 Billion - Child Tax Credits: 300,000 households including 513,000 children will receive up to \$1,750/child.



Dustin Luke Shields Act (Lead Safe Homes bill) PASSED with \$4 Million!



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 500-700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$4 Million to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.



Bring Minnesota Home NOW!

Commissioner Mike Gamache
Anoka County

Senator Kunesh
(District 39, DFL)

Representative Matt Norris
(District 32B , DFL)



What we are doing now & *how additional state resources have helped us* meet people's housing needs in our community.

Elizabeth Dressel

Director of Policy and Planning, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness

Jennifer Crotteau – Lead Program Planner

Anoka County Community Social Services and Behavioral Health

Mark McNamer, Director of Program and Facilities, HOPE 4 Youth

David Frei - Executive Director, Family Promise in Anoka County

Lori Halbur, Mental Health Professional, Coon Rapids City Police



MICAH's 2024 Policy Priorities: Local & State Level

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision-making table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs, and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by lead paint poisoning to implement the Lead Safe Homes Bill, to protect our children from lead poisoning.
3. Racial Equity and protection of Civil Rights in all Homeless and Housing Programs and support systems.
4. Preserve and create safe, decent, accessible, affordable housing (rental & homeownership) for people with incomes under 30% median income.
5. Support livable incomes for people who are employed, unemployed, and on public assistance.
6. Ensure we are a welcoming community in creating housing opportunities that provide second chances and mercy for those who have struggled with addiction, mental and/or physical health, criminal, and/or rental issues.
7. MICAH will be actively involved with the Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2024 Session priorities.



Homes for All's 2024 Policy Agenda:

1. Funding to build more - Bonding
2. Housing Constitutional Amendment
3. Source of Income Protection
4. FHPAP for ERA
5. Landlord Tenant Law changes



State Policy Makers

How will you support H4A Agenda to prevent and end homelessness and increase affordable housing?



Local Policy Makers

How are you, or will you, use local resources, changes in zoning, and waiving fees to address people's housing needs in our communities?



"Please support H4A Legislative Agenda."

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Rep. Melissa Hortman

Speaker of the House

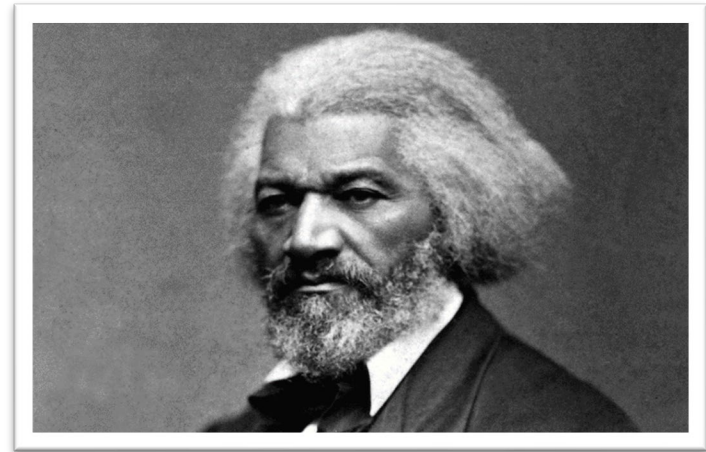
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Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.



Ways to be Involved:

Anoka County Chapter Meetings – 2nd Thursday, 4:00p

MICAH Policy Breakfasts & Luncheon

Friday, February 23, 8-9:30a - St. Paul Chapter

Friday, March 01, 8-9:30a - Housing for All Chapter

Monday, March 04, 1:30-3:00p - Mpls Chapter & Freedom from the Streets



Day on the Hill Events

Start with Home Rally for Affordable Housing – Tuesday, February 20

1:30-2:30p – MN Capitol Rotunda

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/233475034588160>

Mental Health Day on the Hill - Thursday, March 7

9:30a Briefing, 11:00a Rally – MN Capitol Rotunda

Hunger Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 13

Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, 105 University Ave. W, Saint Paul

10:00 - 11:30 am: Welcome, 12:00 - 4:00 pm: Meetings with legislators

Homeless Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 20

8:00a – gather at Central Presbyterian, 500 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, 55101

10:00a – walk to the Capitol

Second Chance Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 20

Registration: <https://mnsecondchance.org/mnscc-doth-2024>



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