Homes for All's Policy Committee proposes the following 2023 legislative agenda: Coalition-led agenda items (see full proposals here):

- 1. **Acquisition and rehab of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing:** Provide significant annual funding for the acquisition and rehab of <u>Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing</u> (NOAH).
- 2. **Funding to build more:** This encompasses two separate capital requests. The first is a bonds for housing request that would provide \$1 billion total for construction and rehab of affordable housing and make essential policy changes to HIBs. The proposal would include \$500 million for Housing Infrastructure Bonds, \$250 million for General Obligation bonds, and \$250 million in cash dedicated to homeownership, community land trusts, and manufactured home park infrastructure. The second is a request for \$150-200 million (TBD on exact amount) for emergency shelter capital to create new and preserve shelter spaces.
- 3. **Bring It Home:** Make rental assistance from the state available to eligible Minnesotans who don't receive a federal voucher. This proposal would create a new Minnesota rent subsidy program. The program would allow all cost-burdened renters under 50% A.M.I. to receive a state housing voucher that would pay the difference between their rent and 30% of their income.
- 4. **Changes to 4d tax class rate:** Regarding low-income affordable housing rental properties, replace the two-tier class rates with a single 0.25 rate. This would result in over \$50 million in cost savings for affordable housing operators at a fraction of the cost to the State.
- 5. **FHPAP for ERA:** Provide significant on-going funds to the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program for emergency rental assistance to ensure emergency rental assistance reaches the lowest-income and most marginalized renters.
- 6. **Down Payment Assistance:** Create a first-generation down payment assistance program targeted to BIPOC homebuyers statewide.
- 7. **Housing Constitutional Amendment:** Amend the Minnesota constitution to secure dedicated, permanent funding for affordable housing needs from shelter/temporary housing to supporting existing homeowners maintain their homes.
- 8. **Housing Support Income Modifications:** Reform Housing Support income calculations to ensure individuals receiving SSI, RSDI, veterans benefits, tribal payments and lived experience stipends are able to retain more of their personal income. This proposal would cap payments from SSI, RSDI and veterans benefits at 30% of monthly income and exclude tribal payments and lived experience stipends.
- 9. **Pre-Eviction Notice & Eviction Expungement:** (1) Mandate a 14-day pre-eviction notice prior to a landlord taking a tenant to court for non-payment of rent. (2) Reform evictions and eviction reporting in several ways, including a requirement that evictions 3 years or older be removed from a renter's record.
- 10. **Source of Income Protection:** Amend the Minnesota Human Rights Act to clarify that housing discrimination based on a person's source of income is illegal. Source of income protection will help individuals and families with rental assistance have access to housing on the same basis as those without public housing assistance.

Member-led agenda items (see full proposals <u>here</u>):

- Increase energy and water efficiency
- Emergency services program increased funding
- Opportunity to purchase for manufactured home parks
- Stabilization of home pad rent in manufactured home parks
- Lead safe homes bill
- Access to capital for court-appointed administrators to rehab unsafe properties
- Increase to HECAT funding
- Sacred communities (communities of tiny homes on premises of places of worship)
- Match for local investments in Local Housing Trust Funds
- Mortgage Registry and Deed Tax
- Affordable Homeownership Innovation and Acceleration (CDFIs)
- Increase investment in Workforce and Affordable Homeownership and set-aside in challenge for homeownership
- Increase funding for the family stabilization plan
- State tax on short-term vacation rentals for homeownership funding
- Policy change to 4d to add Community Land Trusts as 4d eligible*
- Statewide minimum heat code and expansion of repairs considered an emergency
- Rent transparency around fees and notice prior to entry by a landlord
- Increases to Homeless Youth Act & Safe Harbors Act
- Funding for chosen family hosting arrangements to prevent youth homelessness
- Statewide guaranteed income program
- MN expanded child tax credit
- Bridges Rental Assistance
- Landlord risk mitigation
- Housing stabilization services administrative fees increases
- Increase funding for HSASMI
- Reduce statutory holding period for personal property after eviction
- Pets and Housing Package
- NCF policy and funding suite
- Funding for Freedom from the Streets
- Homeless Families with Children Act

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• Disregard income received by people with lived experience (stipends, etc.) when calculating benefits.