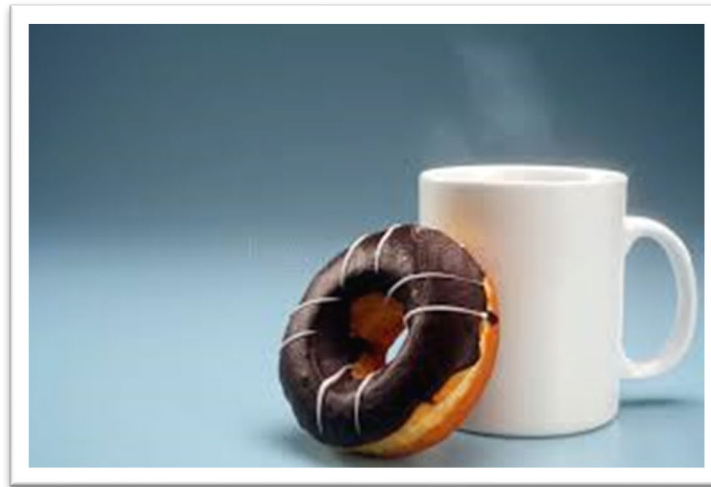


# MICAH Anoka County Chapter 2023 Legislative Breakfast



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# Welcome *to the* MICAH Anoka County Chapter 2023 Policy Breakfast

## **Bring Minnesota Home NOW!**

*Please mute your mike during the regular sessions of the meeting.*



# Welcome

Sue Baysden

Faith Lutheran, MICAHA Board Member

# Faith Reflection

David Frei, Executive Director

Family Promise in Anoka County



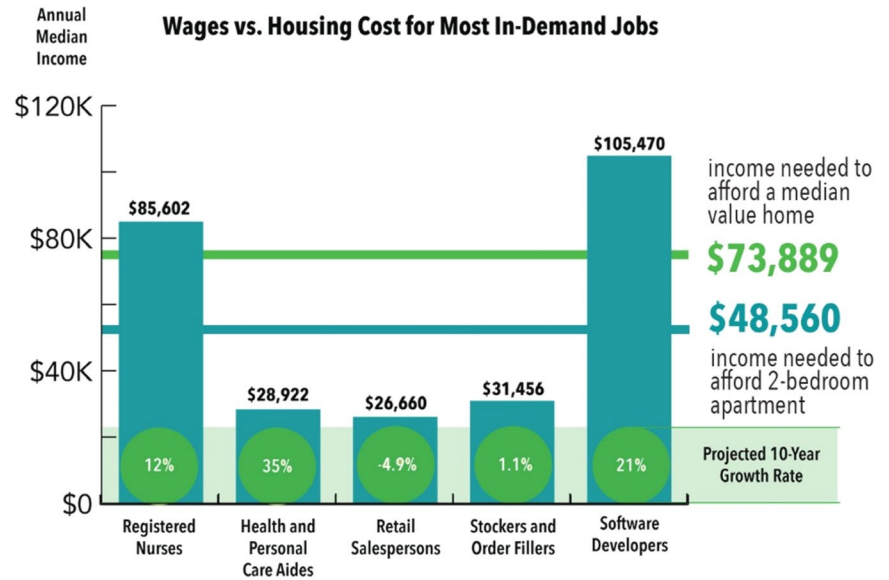
### Housing - Cost-Burdened # of households in Anoka County

Renter: 11,126

Owner: 17,965

Total: 29,091

### 7 County Metro Region Data



Median household income for county

**\$86,036**

Hours / week minimum wage employee must work to afford 1- bd apartment

**75**



# THANK YOU!

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

Senator John Hoffman

Representative Kurt Daudt

Representative Matt Norris

Anoka County Commissioner Julie Jeppson

Anoka County Commissioner Mike Gamache

Columbia Heights City Council Members:

KT Jacobs and Justice Spriggs

Ramsey City Council Member Matt Woestehoff



# Bring Minnesota Home NOW!

**Senator John Hoffman**  
(District 34, DFL)

**Representative Matt Norris**  
(District 32B, DFL)

**Commissioner Julie Jeppson**  
Anoka County



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

**Kayla Flanagan** - Peer Support Specialist, HOPE 4 Youth

**Jessica Lipa** - Career & Technical Education Director, Anoka-Hennepin STEP

**Jennifer Crotteau** - Lead Program Planner,  
Anoka County Community Social Services and Behavioral Health

**David Frei** - Executive Director, Family Promise in Anoka County

**Natividad Seefeld** - President, Park Plaza Cooperative

**David Anderson**, Executive Director, All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC)



## MICAH's 2023 Legislative Priorities:

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision make table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by Lead Poisoning on 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 Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2023 Session priorities.

### RESOURCES AVAILABLE

\$17.6 Billion in abundance and \$1.2 Billion in American Rescue Funds (ARP)





## Homes for All's 2023 Policy Agenda

1. Acquisition and rehab of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
2. Funding to build more
3. Bring It Home
4. Changes to 4d tax class rate
5. FHPAP for ERA
6. Down Payment Assistance
7. Housing Constitutional Amendment
8. Housing Support Income Modifications
9. Pre-Eviction Notice & Eviction Expungement
10. Source of Income Protection

Support Agenda items include:

Lead Safe Homes Bill and income disregard for lived experience expertise payments.



# Lead exposure is dangerous for young children and can cause permanent brain damage.



- 🏠 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 \$5 million/year to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.

**Will you support the Lead Safe Homes bill?**

**HF 1507/ SF1471**



# State Policy Makers

How will you use the State Abundance (Surplus) and American Rescue Plans Funds to prevent and end homelessness and increase affordable housing?



# Local Policy Makers

How are you, or will you, use local American Rescue Plan funds and Local Homeless Prevention Aid to address people's housing needs in our community?



"Please support and hold a hearing on the  
Lead Safe Homes Bill."

**Senator Lindsey Port**

Chair, Housing and Homeless Prevention

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**Rep. Michael Howard**

Chair Housing Finance and Policy Comm.

651-296-7158

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"Please use the Minnesota budget abundance (surplus) and  
American Rescue Plan dollars to prevent and end and  
homelessness and increase affordable housing opportunities."

**Senator Kari Dziedzic**

Majority Leader

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**Rep. Melissa Hortman**

Speaker of the House

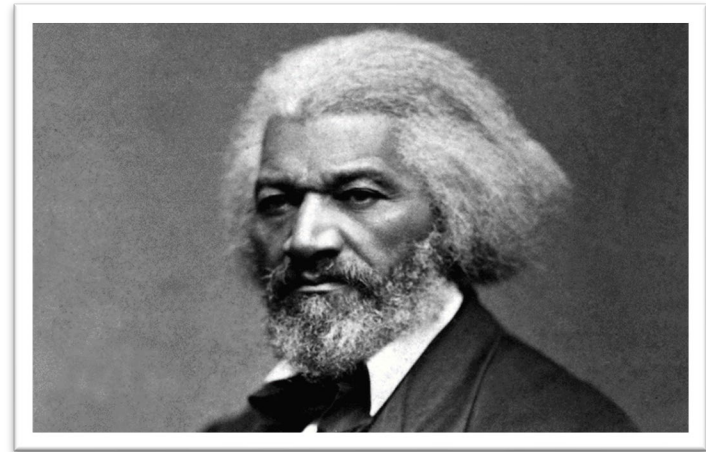
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# Faith in Action

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 Thursdays, 4:00pm**

## Upcoming MICAH Policy Breakfast & Luncheon

**Monday, March 6, 1:30p** - Minneapolis Chapter/Freedom From the Streets Policy Lunch  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdeuvqT0tHNAUW54zsBN9J1FpDjyLUwdx](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zTzYsdeuvqT0tHNAUW54zsBN9J1FpDjyLUwdx)

**Friday, March 10, 8-9:30a** - Housing for All (Hennepin County)  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkf-6qqD4tEtVGQvoGFL1tXwhdKuD6r41w](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zZMkf-6qqD4tEtVGQvoGFL1tXwhdKuD6r41w)

## Day on the Hill Events:

**Foster Child and Youth Day on the Hill – Monday, March 6, 9:00a**

**Second Chance Day On the Hill – March 8, Press Conference 9:30a**

**MN Coalition for the Homeless Day on the Hill - Wednesday, March 8, 8:00a – 3:00p**  
 Registration details & preparatory workshops at <https://secure.everyaction.com/ug1Hz4sWak2r-9IOUiB-jQ2>

**Mental Health Day on the Hill – Thursday, March 9, 9:30a**

**Habitat's 3rd Annual Virtual Hill Day – April 29, 11:00a, registration:**  
<https://tchabitat.salsalabs.org/virtualhillday2022/index.html>

**Housing Amendment Campaign Lobby Day – March 23**



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