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Reform Land Use

Reorganize and Strengthen the Zoning Enabling Act

by amending CGS Section 8-2 to increase readability, encourage the growth of neighborhoods and communities, and require zoning regulations to affirmatively further the purposes of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Mandate Training on Housing Issues for Local Planning & Zoning Commissions

by requiring planning & zoning commissioners meet a minimum standard of five hours of training per year by 2023. Develop a training curriculum for local commissioners to include education on a variety of housing issues.



Invest in Affordable Housing

Support Affordable Housing Investments in Gov. Lamont's Proposed Budget

, investing \$200 million in the state Affordable Housing FLEX Fund and \$105 million in the state Housing Trust Fund over the biennium.



Stabilize the Rental Market for Tenants and Landlords

Provide Rental Relief Funding in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

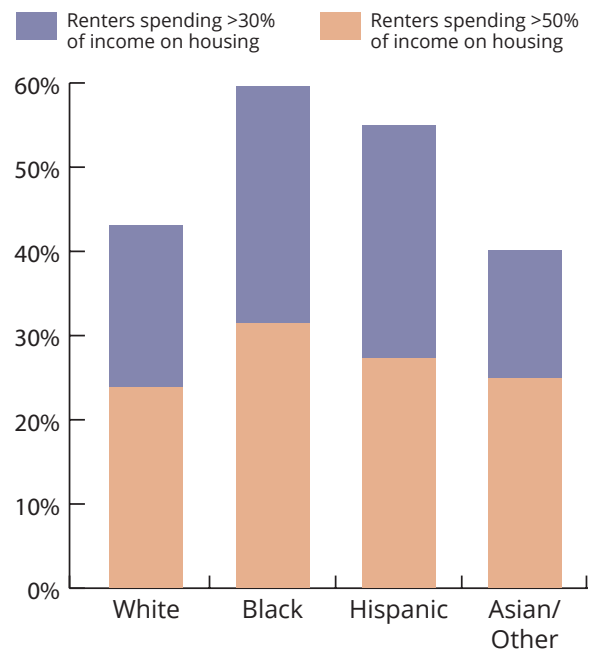
by investing at least an additional \$100 million to stabilize Connecticut's housing market and prevent Connecticut families from eviction and displacement.

Invest in Ongoing Rental Supports through the addition of at least \$20 million/year to the Rental Assistance Program (RAP).

HOMEConnecticut acknowledges the historic and ongoing role of systemic racism in creating and perpetuating inequitable housing outcomes in Connecticut.

The policies outlined here work to expand housing choice in Connecticut, and actively remove barriers to housing opportunity in order to advance more equitable outcomes.

Connecticut Residents Are Burdened by High Housing Costs



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About the HOMEConnecticut Campaign

Since 2004, the HOMEConnecticut campaign has brought together more than 100 diverse stakeholders, including housing advocates, non-profit organizations, business leaders, lenders, non-profit and private housing developers, and builders who care about ensuring every resident has a safe, stable place to call home.

HOMEConnecticut works to end Connecticut's affordable housing shortage with the goal to ensure that all Connecticut residents have access to a range of affordable housing choices in all communities in the state.

Our 2021 legislative agenda is endorsed by our **HOMEConnecticut Advisory Committee**, a broad-based group comprised of the following individuals:

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