Minnesota needs more homes now

Minnesota is stronger when everyone can afford a safe, stable home. But rising costs and limited housing options are making that harder across our state. We need the Legislature to take action. To meet the needs of Minnesota families now and in the future, we must build more than 100,000 homes.



WHO WE ARE

We are a large and diverse coalition of housing advocates, community organizations, home builders and housing developers, businesses, environmental organizations, labor organizations, transportation advocates, and faith-based organizations who will bring forward proposals to create new, statewide housing policies rooted in proven best practices that will help address our home shortage.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Minnesota's housing shortage is too severe for a scattered, piecemeal approach. The state must take the lead in setting a housing policy that drives action and ensures more homes of all types can be built in every community—**affirming that housing is a basic need to which everyone should have access.**

· **Six years ago,** a state task for called for bold action on addressing the home shortage. Since then, the number of missing homes and apartments in Minnesota has doubled.

· **Addressing this problem** strengthens our economy, protects our environment, keeps our communities thriving. Building more homes of all types will stabilize costs, prevent homelessness, and fuel job growth--boosting prosperity across Minnesota.

· **Since 2021,** new home permits in Minnesota have fallen by more than 43%. The current system is not geared toward addressing a problem of this size.

· **People with low incomes and people of color** have historically experienced displacement, been priced out and excluded from communities, while middle-class Minnesotans have felt the squeeze for a decade plus, and yet inaction remains the norm.

· **No single city or town can solve the problem alone.** We must act and work together to allow more homes of different sizes and price points, and address the shortage.

Minnesotans need the Legislature to:

· Increase the supply of housing statewide that is more accessible and affordable. · Streamline housing approvals so cities can more quickly close the housing gap. · Reverse the effects of racial and economic exclusionary zoning.

· Support location efficiency, a crucial strategy for reducing climate impact and improving health and economic outcomes.



ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING ALL OR PARTS OF THE YES TO HOMES AGENDA

