

## QUESTIONS for candidates and elected officials 2018

*Do candidates and decision makers share our vision that all people have a home? Are they potential allies in Beacon campaigns and actions? As you attend candidate forums and do pre-voting research, consider asking these questions, and let their responses inform YOUR decisions.*

### About Homelessness

A lack of affordable housing options is one of the top reasons for homelessness, for individuals or families.

**Q: What will you do to end homelessness in Minnesota?**

Available affordable housing often excludes individuals and families due to credit issues, lack of household income, and criminal backgrounds.

**Q: What will you do to ensure that the most in need will have access to affordable housing?**

### About Racial Disparities

Minnesota's racial disparities in housing for renters and homeowners are among the worst in the nation. For instance, 22 percent of Black households are homeowners, compared to 76 percent of white households.

**Q: How will you reduce the racial homeownership gap and other disparities in housing for households of color?**

### About Rental Stability

Rental assistance is proven to reduce homelessness, housing instability, and overcrowding, but 75 percent of residents who qualify for rental assistance do not receive this limited resource.

**Q: What will you do to expand access to housing assistance to every household that needs it?**

### About Funding

We cannot meet our growing, statewide housing needs without significant additional resources.

**Q: Will you support a dedicated source of funding for affordable housing? Why or why not?**