

## What We Affirm

When all people have access to stable housing, our communities are stronger and healthier. Our collective action and investment through our public policy should work toward ensuring all people have a home.

We are in the midst of a housing crisis. Minnesota is not investing enough in building new affordable housing and supporting families and individuals with the services and rental subsidy they need to stay in their homes.

## What We Need to Do

### Invest in Building Homes

#### *\$500 million in Housing Bonds in the 2020 state legislative session*

Minnesota is a leader in investing our state bonding dollars in creating homes for people who need it the most, like seniors and people leaving homelessness. Beacon has been awarded bonding dollars for five of our recent developments: Prior Crossing in Saint Paul; 66 West in Edina; Lydia expansion in Minneapolis; Bimosedaa in Minneapolis; and American House renovation in Saint Paul.

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### Fill the Gap for Families

#### *Adequately fund operating dollars for family supportive housing (HF 3318 / SF 3218)*

We urgently need to create long-term housing for families experiencing homelessness. Family supportive housing is housing with services like mental health and job counseling in the building and is the most cost-effective long-term solution to homelessness. There is a gap in public funding to operate family supportive housing. The only state program that does effectively fund family supportive housing is the Metro Demo in Housing Support, yet it is capped at 226 units.

Minnesota should expand the Metro Demo by 150 units and add Carver, Scott, and Washington counties to the program. Expanding the Metro Demo program would create immediate operating funding for new family supportive housing.

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### Bring It Home, Minnesota

#### *Housing Stability for All (HF 3205 / SF 3394)*

We are proud to call Minnesota home, but too many of our neighbors across the state struggle to afford their home and pay the rent. We know it's possible to ensure every single one of us can thrive in a home we can afford. We will all experience a stronger, more prosperous community by investing today in a Minnesota rent subsidy program that ensures every low-income Minnesotan pays no more than 30 percent of their income to rent.

We know the solution to our housing crisis. It's within reach. It's time to Bring It Home, Minnesota.

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