

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (D) HOUSING PLAN

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OUR HOMES, OUR VOTES: 2020 is a non-partisan campaign designed to raise the profile of affordable housing with 2020 presidential candidates and with voters.

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (D), a 2020 presidential candidate, has released a proposal to address the housing needs of formerly incarcerated individuals.

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN:

- Invests \$20 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund to support the construction and maintenance of affordable homes for people with the greatest needs;
- Guarantees Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to every eligible household so these households will not have pay more than 30% of their incomes on their rents and utilities;
- Allocates \$5 billion in federal funding for a renter's tax credit per year to support individuals and families who may earn too much to qualify for a Section 8 voucher but still struggle to pay their housing costs;
- Invests \$300 million in grants to incentivize local communities to eliminate exclusionary zoning policies;
- Implements the 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule requiring communities receiving certain federal funds to proactively identify and address historic patterns of segregation and discrimination;
- Expands the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit with a \$10 billion investment and expands the Community Development Block Grant by \$10 billion over ten years
- Develops a national strategy for making housing a right for all, and convenes a task force to develop a roadmap for ending homelessness;
- Provides emergency funding to tackle the homelessness crisis through passage of the Ending Homelessness Act and investing \$13 billion to tackle homelessness over five years; and
- Reduce homelessness among veterans; protect LGBTQ individuals; expand access to supportive housing and services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and set a national goal of ensuring that all formerly incarcerated individuals have housing upon reentry.

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- Sets a national goal of ensuring 100% of formerly incarcerated individuals have housing when they are released from prison.
- Requires HUD only contract with entities willing to house individuals who are formerly incarcerated.
- Increases funding for transitional housing for former incarcerated individuals
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**The National Low Income Housing Coalition's (NLIHC's) Our Homes, Our Votes 2020 project is a nonpartisan voter and candidate engagement effort. NLIHC does not endorse any candidate for public office or their plans and proposals.*

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