Proposed *Criteria: 2013 CONAHRO State Legislative Priorities
Developing/Taking Positions on Affordable Housing & Community Development
Discussion: December 11, 2012

1. In order adopt a position/level of support the legislative action must:
   A. Be consistent with CONAHRO Strategic Plan
   B. Have a statewide or regional impact (or have the potential to establish a precedent with statewide or regional impact); national legislation with impact on Colorado housing/community development (CD)

2. Demonstrate the potential to accomplish at least one of the following (listing does not reflect order of priority):
   A. **Secure adequate and reliable funding level(s)**, increase or improve overall state budget for affordable housing and community development
      - Promote and support creation of statewide housing trust fund
   B. **Encourage the enhancement, development and preservation of affordable housing/community development** through deregulation, program efficiencies; incentives, fees, fee discounts, expedited permitting, and protect definitions, programs, legislation etc.
      - Increase the supply of shelter, transitional, veterans housing, affordable rental, homeownership or workforce housing, etc.
      - Promote sustainable, affordable housing, in new developments and/or near transit nodes / CD (mixed-use/mixed finance, transit-oriented development, sustainability, local & regional TOD solutions, etc.)
      - Promote sustainable communities, community development, economic revitalization, and safe communities
      - Make housing costs more affordable incorporating green building practices, energy assistance, down payment assistance, etc.
      - Remove barriers to the development of affordable housing & CD zoning/land use changes
   C. **Increase access to affordable housing** through housing counseling; fair housing enforcement, etc.
      - Promote housing/CD stability through services for responsible tenants and homeowners to remain in affordable housing and their homes (landlord/tenant rights, foreclosure prevention, etc.)
      - Address the impact of foreclosures in communities, equity skimming and foreclosure, predatory lending
      - Special population housing – Colorado aging demographics
   D. **Link needed human services** and family self-sufficiency, link housing, transportation, education and employment that support services to housing for special populations
   E. **Promotes alliances** with partner organizations, stakeholders and political leaders/alliances

3. Position/Levels of Legislative Support:
   1. **Active Support or Opposition** – must have a direct and demonstrable impact on affordable housing
   2. **Limited Support/Opposition** – secondary impact on affordable housing allowable, if position allows Colorado NAHRO (CO NAHRO) to develop critical partnership
   3. **Neutral/Monitoring position** – Benefits to affordable housing appear to be marginal in terms of impacts and costs

*Criteria should be reviewed on a regular basis, based on the experience of the previous year. Collaboration with Housing Colorado! & HC Advocacy Council