

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

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