

Housing Workgroup Roster

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Workgroup's Role:

The Workgroup has two primary roles:

1. Provide a forum for the discussion of affordable housing and homelessness issues for seniors and disabled adults.
2. Advocate for actions that promote affordable housing and support the homeless.

Accomplishments

2024's Workgroup focus was on continuing to provide a venue for the discussion of current housing trends, challenges impacting housing availability and affordability as well as the ongoing issue of homelessness. Additionally, the Workgroup provided advocacy for pending legislation and information to increase community awareness of the challenges facing low-income seniors and the disabled.

The Workgroup created the "No Place to Call Home" infographic and slide deck that utilizes current housing and income statistics to describe housing and homeless issues impacting seniors.

Workgroup meetings became a venue for housing focused groups, representatives of state legislators and county staff to share information and advocate for specific programs that could favorably impact housing affordability, availability and homelessness. During 2024 ten presentations were made to the Workgroup.

2025 Work Plan

The "No Place to Call Home" infographic and slide deck have been completed and successfully presented on a trial basis. The primary goal of the 2025 work plan will be to present them to groups throughout the county. We will continue to provide a forum for the discussion of housing and homeless issues and will be an active supporter of the MPA Impact Committee's local playbook.

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