



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
AGENDA

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A meeting of the Broward Housing Council (BHC) will be held on **Friday, December 8, 2023**, at 10 AM, at Broward County Government Center East (GCE), Room 430, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2) Introduction of New BHC Member: Ashley M. Roche, Representing Recipient of Section 8 Housing Assistance or Another Housing Program Category
- 3) Homelessness to Housing Projects and Programs – presented by Frances Esposito, CEO, Broward Partnership
- 4) Approval of the October 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes (*see attachment*)
- 5) Approval of the November 1, 2023, Workshop Minutes (*see attachment*)
- 6) BHC 2023 Affordable Housing Workshop: Discussion and Feedback
- 7) Chair's Report: Marcia Barry-Smith
- 8) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia
- 9) New Business
 - A) Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates (*see attachment*)
 - B) Approval of 2024 Work Program (*see attachment*)
- 10) Old Business
- 11) Public Comments
- 12) Broward County Housing Options, Solutions, & Supports Division Report: Dr. Rebecca McGuire, Housing Strategy and Innovation Officer, Human Services Department
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report: Vice Chair Caryl Hattan
- 13) **Next BHC Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, February 23, 2024, Broward County Government Center East (GCE), Room 430**
- 14) Adjournment (*GROUP PHOTO directly following*)

Our Purpose:

To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and to facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness.

Chair, Marcia Barry-Smith • Vice Chair, Caryl Hattan
Ajibola Balogun • Michele Collie • Beth Daly • Frances Esposito • Debra Hixon • Parnell Joyce • Christopher Krzemien
Gino Moro • Nathan Perlmutter • Ashley Roche • Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers • Ralph Stone • Teneshia Taylor • Lisa Vecchi



Broward Housing Council 2024 **Proposed** Meeting Dates

- February 23
- April 26
- June 28
- August 23
- October 25
- December 6
- Fall Workshop – TBD

The Housing Council meets bi-monthly on the **last Friday of the month** except for December which is scheduled earlier due to the holidays.

Time: 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Room 430, Broward County Government Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale 333301



Broward Housing Council
2024 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM

1. Facilitate Coordination

- Seek regional collaboration with other agencies to address affordable housing issues.
- Sponsor an annual Affordable Housing Workshop for municipal, business and legislative leaders.
- Report on all Broward Housing Council activities for the year and submit to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance.
- Maintain the Broward Housing Council website with a focus on affordable housing policy, research and studies.
- Prepare quarterly newsletter and distribute via e-mail.
- Maintain the countywide Affordable Housing Dashboard with the most current available data.
- ~~Participate in stakeholders' meetings for~~ [Promote](#) the Broward County Ten-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan, [following adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.](#)
- ~~Review existing~~ [Support an amendment to the](#) Broward County Charter, ~~propose modifications to~~ Sec. 1106 regarding the Broward Housing Council membership, ~~residency requirements and other items as identified by the BHC.~~

2. Increase Affordable Housing Stock

- Support the allocation of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding for affordable housing.
- Support policies that address flexible sources of "gap financing" for affordable housing (i.e. second mortgage programs).
- Engage the development community to increase affordable housing production especially for very low income rentals.
- Continue to recommend the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) allocate set-aside of units for Broward County tax credit projects, based on need.
- Support partnership between Broward County and South Florida Community Land Trust.
- [Continue Monitoring](#) the status of developers' voluntary commitments to construct affordable units as an approval condition of a Broward County Land Use Plan Amendment.
- ~~Review and address~~ [Track](#) retention of affordable units with expiring affordability restrictions (i.e., 15 years or 30 years).

3. Enhance Housing Stability

- Develop an outreach campaign to educate local municipal, business and legislative leaders on affordable housing issues and funding strategies.
- Invite presenters to share information about affordable housing initiatives at bi-monthly Broward Housing Council meetings.
- Support the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing inventory that will preserve the housing stock.
- Update local leaders on affordable housing policy issues.
- Encourage foreclosure counseling workshops by HUD certified agencies and local banks, and encourage local funding of foreclosure counseling/assistance programs and homebuyer education courses.
- Highlight locally successful neighborhood improvement programs and other affordable housing projects.
- Encourage improved transportation programs that support affordable housing.

4. Advocate for Legislative Change

- Support legislation that provides full appropriation and recurring revenue for affordable housing initiatives such as the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL).
- Advocate affordable housing programs and policies that include workforce housing.
- Support policies that assist renters and homebuyers by reducing the gap between household income and housing costs.
- Seek to leverage business community involvement in affordable housing advocacy efforts.

5. Streamline Process

- Support the Affordable Housing goals, objectives and policies in BrowardNEXT.
- Support bonus densities and other land use policies to incentivize affordable housing construction.
- Provide planning support to the County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) in identifying affordable housing incentives for the annual AHAC Report.

6. Address Homelessness

- Support the county-wide homeless services of the Broward County Continuum of Care without duplication of efforts.
- ~~Encourage local institutions to adopt a coordinated discharge plan addressing individuals' needs such as housing and other services.~~

7. Support Countywide Financing

- Support Broward County's allocation of public funding towards the Broward County Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- Work to leverage private sector investments in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that support the production and preservation of affordable housing units.
- Encourage the County Commission to pursue multiple funding opportunities identified through the Ten-Year Affordable Housing Master Plan.