

DEFENDING OUR AMERICAN HOME SINCE 1931 2017-2018 Annual Report







**Letter from Linda Mandolini**Chair, Board of Governors

Dear friends,

Early in my career, a colleague urged me to never forget that the work of providing affordable housing happens because of good public policy. Since

1931, the National Housing Conference has been the industry's voice in Washington for policies that will help everyone in America access an affordable home. NHC's value lies in our unique ability to influence the policymaking process on behalf of an unusually diverse group of members who share a common commitment to creating affordable housing for everyone.

This report illustrates the beginning of an important new era for the National Housing Conference. We are lucky to have a remarkably talented and engaged board and exciting and vibrant new executive leadership which have made this renovation of NHC a success for our growing membership. Under the leadership of our new President and CEO, our financial position is improving and our influence is being felt in the halls of power in Washington, D.C. In the first nine months of 2018, NHC has worked directly with the leadership of HUD, Treasury and several regulatory agencies as well as lawmakers from both parties on priorities like housing finance reform, Opportunity Zones, affordable housing production and modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act.

NHC is growing and changing to ensure we are an effective advocate and unifying force for affordable housing. I believe this is only the beginning. Together with our membership, the National Housing Conference is building a strong, credible and essential presence in Washington. We are excited about the future and hope you will join us on this journey.

Sincerely

Linda Mandolini

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#### Letter from David M. Dworkin

President and CEO

Dear friends,

Home is the foundation of what it means to be a great nation. It is the one place where we can be our true selves, love and laugh, raise our children and

grow with experience. But for far too many of us, it may also mean living in fear and danger or just struggling to get by. For over half a million of our fellow Americans, it is a distant memory held onto in a shelter or under an overpass. At the National Housing Conference, our work to defend the American Home is the most important contribution we can make to our country and our community. It is work we on the NHC staff are proud to join our many, committed and talented members to do.

In 1931, NHC's founder Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch, a New York City social worker, was tired of fighting alone for decent housing. She brought together an unlikely coalition of Realtors®, home builders, lenders, labor unions, advocates and investors willing to work with everyone and anyone who shared our commitment to the creation of safe, decent and affordable housing for all. Nine decades later, that is exactly what we do today!

Today, NHC is working across the housing sector and across partisan lines to address the biggest challenges to housing for all Americans. Together, we have built successful coalitions of experienced thought leaders on a wide range of issues, and policymakers are listening. As we continue to grow, we will rely on our strongest asset—our members, and we will work hard to leverage your experience and advocate for your priorities.

I am humbled by this opportunity and look forward to working with each of you to make it possible for all of us to live in a place we are proud to call home.

Sincerely,

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NHC influences federal housing policy through advocacy, research and education.

Our leadership on key issues shapes policy.

And our deep connections to leaders in Congress and the executive branch opens the door for NHC and our members to make the case for the policies our communities and industry need.





# **Policy initiatives**

NHC vigorously defends policies that support our American home. We advocate for reform and innovation that improves access to quality affordable homeownership and rental housing. Our deep understanding of housing policy and track record of leadership open doors for NHC and our members in the executive branch and on Capitol Hill.

## Community Reinvestment Act

When the Department of the Treasury released its report on reforming the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) in April 2018, NHC was ready. We launched a rapid response effort, briefing the media on key elements of the report and keeping our members informed of critical developments. Within days we held a detailed review of the report for our members by webinar featuring leaders from both the banking industry and community advocacy. We have also worked closely with federal regulators to discuss rule-making on CRA.

## Opportunity Zones

When new programs are introduced that may impact housing development, NHC steps into action. Treasury's new Opportunity Zones program holds tremendous potential—and significant risks—for distressed communities across the U.S. In May 2018, NHC launched its Opportunity Zones Task Force to engage our membership in providing recommendations to Treasury. The task force issued comments in the summer of 2018 on compliance, reporting and risk mitigation. We will continue to advocate for rules and procedures that make Opportunity Zones live up to their promise.

## Housing finance reform

NHC has advocated strongly for bipartisan housing finance reform since Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac entered conservatorship. Throughout 2017 and 2018, we've joined with members and partners on letters to Treasury, the Federal Housing Finance Agency and congressional leadership urging bipartisan reform, as well as protection of the National Housing Trust Fund and Capital Magnet Fund. Our new Housing Finance Reform Working Group will be a key player in 2019.

## Rental housing access and affordability

In January 2018, NHC sent comments to HUD on the suspension of the Small Area Fair Market Rent rule. NHC outlined steps to improve the rule and create a process for improvement over time to avoid unintended consequences. In May 2018, NHC joined a select group of members to meet with HUD Deputy Secretary Pam Patenaude and other senior HUD officials to discuss proposed rent reforms. We continue to urge HUD to drop proposals to raise rents on the most vulnerable residents of affordable housing, which make needed reforms impossible.





## **Webinars**

NHC uses webinars to educate our members and the broader housing community on emerging issues in federal and local housing policy. Housing leaders, like the housing goals team at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, come to NHC to share perspective and gather feedback from our national membership. Webinars allow our members and other housing stakeholders to engage with nationally recognized housing experts from the comfort of their desks.

Our 30 webinars in 2017 garnered over 6,500 total registrations. Webinar topics included broadband in affordable housing, economic mobility, Community Reinvestment Act modernization, messaging best practices and economic mobility strategies for HUD-subsidized housing residents.

#### Research

NHC produces practical, solutions-focused best practices research that highlights the determinants of success for the housing industry. As part of our longstanding effort to promote best practices in equitable, inclusive housing, NHC released "Using Land to Restore Neighborhoods and Build Community" in December 2017. This paper explores how community land trusts (CLTs) can be implemented to address a wide variety of needs, with profiles of four CLT organizations: Champlain Housing Trust, City of Lakes Community Land Trust, Oakland Community Land Trust and T.R.U.S.T. South LA.

NHC's 2017 "Paycheck to Paycheck" report and database explores housing affordability for workers in over 200 metro areas. The report highlights five fast-growing healthcare occupations: dental assistant, emergency medical technician, home health aide, licensed practical nurse and physical therapy aide. For workers in the five selected occupations, not a single one is guaranteed to be able to afford to rent or purchase a home in every metro area in the U.S.



Monthly Income	\$4,596
Rent Food Child Care Transportation Health Care Student Loans Other Necessities	\$1,176 \$584 \$1,294 \$454 \$481 \$322 \$755
Monthly Expenditures	\$5,958
Income Remaining	-\$1,362

Jackie is a **school social worker** living in Chicago with her two school-aged children. Child care is quite expensive for two young children, and it takes up more of Jackie's income than even the rent on her two-bedroom apartment. Additionally, she has a monthly student loan payment from earning her bachelor's degree. Her annual salary of \$55,157 is the median for a bachelor's-level social worker in the Chicago metro area, but it is not enough to cover Jackie's monthly costs, so she ends up accruing credit card debt to pay for some basic necessities each month.



Our March 2017 supplemental report, "Paycheck to Paycheck: More than Housing," analyzes spending patterns of households at a range of income levels. The report found that households (both renter and homeowner) in the bottom income guintile spend an average of 40.4 percent of their earnings on housing costs, compared to 29.9 percent for households in the top quintile. "More than Housing" shows that housing is a struggle even for families with good jobs providing steady income.



# Convener

NHC has been convening diverse members of the housing industry since 1931, when we brought together social activists, home builders, real estate boards, labor unions and urban planners to advocate for the desperate need of millions of Americans for safe, clean and affordable housing. Today, NHC is the place where the housing industry comes to work together on issues like the support for affordable housing production, modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act and the completion of housing finance reform.



NHC brings experienced and diverse leaders in affordable housing together to share ideas and best practices, advocate for sound housing policy and help our members connect through meetings, task forces, and working groups and our annual gala.

## **Solutions convenings**

Held in the spring and fall, NHC's Solutions convenings provide practical advice and insight into the challenges housers face in developing affordable housing, revitalizing neighborhoods and communicating the importance of our work. Our spring Solutions for Housing Communications convening focuses on promising strategies and tactics for expanding awareness of the benefits of affordable housing and building support for affordable policies and development. In the fall, Solutions for Affordable Housing explores how states and localities are responding to housing needs and how federal policy connects to those efforts.



## Task forces and working groups

NHC takes action on our policy priorities in part through convening and participating in a variety of working groups and task forces.

NHC led the following working groups in 2017-18:

- Health and Housing Working Group
- Restoring Neighborhoods Task Force
- Opportunity Zones Task Force
- Housing Finance Reform Task Force
- CRA Modernization Task Force

Working groups in which NHC participates:

- Opportunity Starts at Home
- Our Homes, Our Voices
- ACTION Campaign
- Preservation Working Group
- SmarterSafer Coalition
- Green Affordable Housing Coalition
- Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding
- HOME Coalition



## **Housing Visionary Award Gala**

NHC's Annual Gala is a celebration of housing leadership. Every year, a who's who of the housing sector gathers to celebrate colleagues' achievements and connect with one another over an elegant dinner. The 45th Annual Gala honored Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity International with the Housing Visionary Award; Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Ohio) with a special award for championing housing; and former HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan with the Carl A.S. Coan, Sr., Public Service Award.

In 2018, the Gala received a makeover with a move to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. Guests enjoyed a plated dinner, entertainment from The Alternate Routes and an interactive dessert reception. Honorees at the 46th Annual Gala included Nancy Andrews of LIIF and "Team Detroit"—Mayor Mike Duggan, Dan Gilbert of Quicken Loans and Linda Smith of U-SNAP-BAC—receiving the Housing Visionary Award. Robert Pohlman of D.C.'s Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development was honored posthumously with the Carl A.S. Coan, Sr., Public Service Award.





Being a member of NHC means being part of our work to shape federal housing policy. It also means being part of the future. The transformational leadership of NHC's members drives community investment and creates affordable homes across the United States.

# **AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust**



The AFL-CIO Housing
Investment Trust (HIT) is a nearly
\$6 billion mutual fund investing
union pension capital into unionbuilt multifamily housing. As a
leader in impact investing, HIT
seeks to generate measurable
social impacts and has done so
for nearly 35 years. During that
time, HIT has invested \$11.2
billion of capital and \$123 million
in New Markets Tax Credits from

its subsidiary Building America CDE to create an estimated 82,260 union construction jobs and \$28.6 billion of total economic impact.\*

Portner Flats, a \$24 million HIT investment, is a model for how public-private partnerships can enrich communities. Located in the vibrant U Street Corridor of Washington, D.C., the 96-unit, 100 percent affordable housing community was built on the site of a dilapidated Section 8 housing development. D.C.'s Housing Finance Agency and Department of Housing and Community Development aided in the financing and acquisition of the property. The site was also rezoned for increased density, enabling the development team (Somerset Development and the Jonathan Rose Companies) to double the total the number of affordable units. A project labor agreement ensured that those building it received a family supporting wage with benefits.

# **Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing**



In 2017, the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (OCCH) helped create and preserve 2,271 units of housing by investing \$260 million equity in 36 affordable housing developments. In addition to providing competitive pricing and deal terms, they also strive for quick and efficient transactions and quality underwriting. Their expertise with local markets and their relationships with funders and government agencies help OCCH partners throughout the development process. More than just providing equity,

OCCH helps structure deals, provide technical assistance and deliver creative solutions as issues arise with partners.

Expansion and new capital marked two significant accomplishments for Ohio Capital Finance Corporation (OCFC), the lending arm of OCCH. In partnership with the City of Columbus, Community Development for all People and Nationwide Children's Hospital, OCFC worked to develop and structure the South Side Renaissance Fund. This innovative \$20 million fund will provide long-term funding for the acquisition, construction and permanent financing for up to 170 units of single-family and multifamily rental housing, serving families with incomes between 60 and 80 percent of the area median income.

Through the Ohio Capital Impact Corporation (OCIC), the philanthropic arm of OCCH, resources are granted to partners working creatively to improve health and quality of life outcomes for residents of affordable housing communities, where OCCH has investments. In 2017, OCIC awarded \$3.9 million across five dedicated programs that reinvest in people and in our communities.



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<sup>\*</sup>In 2017 dollars. Figures provided by Pinnacle Economics are estimates calculated using an IMPLAN input-output model based on HIT project data and secondary source information.

# **Eden Housing**



Eden Housing is celebrating 50 years of providing affordable homes for more than 100,000 people living throughout California. Based in Hayward, California, Eden has developed or acquired more than 10,800 homes—providing professional property management and

supportive enrichment programs for families, seniors and persons with disabilities.

To mark its 50-year milestone, Eden is sharing 50 stories, unveiling one story each week as a video, podcast or photo story. The campaign started mid-January and will continue through the end of 2018. Eden is telling stories about residents and how their lives have changed because of an affordable home, about its communities and how they are built to improve neighborhoods and about Eden's team, partners and work to provide housing solutions in a changing, challenging world.

Eden Housing believes that these stories can provide a way to create positive shifts in attitudes and perceptions about affordable housing and the people who live there. The intention is to spread the good news about how affordable homes create a launching pad for children to go to college and families to get ahead, and a landing place for seniors and those with special needs to live independently with dignity and grace.

To learn more, visit 50stories.edenhousing.org.

# **Housing Partnership Equity Trust**



Housing Partnership Equity Trust (HPET) is a national social-purpose real estate investment trust created by nonprofits to raise capital for affordable housing. HPET provides a ready source of long-term, low-cost capital

to its 14 mission-driven partners enabling them to quickly and efficiently acquire apartment buildings that provide affordable, quality homes for families, seniors and others. In just five years, HPET has acquired 3,000 units, with rents affordable at 57 percent of area median income. HPET's properties are located in neighborhoods with good jobs and schools, public transportation and anchor institutions.

HPET has completed two recent acquisitions, both in California. Pacific Villas is an 86-unit market rate project in Stockton, California, that HPET acquired with LINC Housing. During the recent recession, rents and property values dipped significantly. HPET was able to acquire this asset at a significant discount to replacement value and preserve the inplace affordable rents. Quail Run is a 104-unit LIHTC project in San Leandro, California, that HPET acquired with Eden Housing, Inc. San Leandro is a city located along the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay, the second fastest growing metropolitan area in the United States. Purchasing Quail Run offered HPET an opportunity to acquire a rent-restricted asset in a rapidly gentrifying coastal California location

# JPMorgan Chase & Co.



JPMorgan Chase believes there is a pressing need to expand access to opportunity and help more people move up the economic ladder. Through its proven model for driving inclusive growth, JPMorgan Chase takes a strategic, data-driven approach with what the essential inputs for creating lasting impact in its communities. Their work focuses on four pillars: jobs and skills, small business expansion, neighborhood revitalization and

financial health. This model is yielding real results, and it serves as a template for others seeking to address social and economic challenges.

Over the past year, JPMorgan Chase has scaled their model of success from places like Detroit, Michigan, where they're investing \$150 million to help drive inclusive growth and revitalization and are already seeing great results, to other cities including Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. They extended their Entrepreneurs of Color Fund initiative, which has already tripled in size to \$18 million in Detroit, to cities like San Francisco, California, Chicago and the Bronx, New York. At every turn, they collaborate closely with experts on the ground and leveraging not only traditional capital, but the talent of their employees as well, to keep people in their homes, help small businesses thrive, connect people with the skills they need to secure meaningful employment and ensure that those most often left behind can be a part of the success story in their communities.



## **NHC Members**

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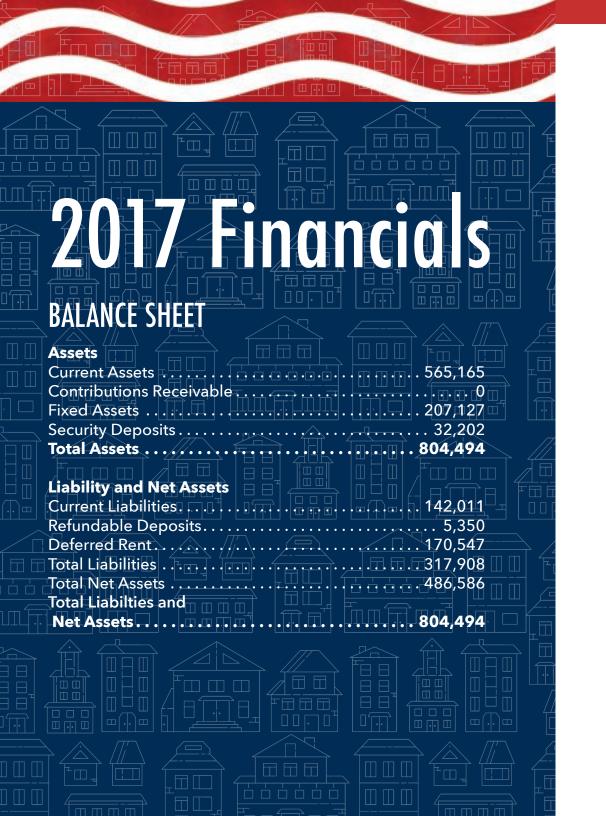


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"2017 was one of the most challenging years in our history. 2018 has been one of the best. I am thrilled that we are once again fundamentally stable and able to look to the future."

- David M. Dworkin

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### Revenues

Membership Dues	
Contributions	
Special Events	
Interest Income	
Sublease Income	95,567
Contracted Services	30,000
Other Revenue	3,235
Total Revenues	1,457,846

## **Expense**

Change in Net Assets	(677,334)
Total Expense	2,135,980
Fundraising	
Management & General	
Program Services	1,537,016
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