

GREAT HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL

Live Where You Love

Everyone in New Jersey deserves an affordable place to live – in a safe, vibrant community.



Where schools, healthy food, and jobs are conveniently within reach, with less driving



With peace of mind from knowing rising costs or climate change won't force a move



With parks, plazas, and green spaces easily accessible and free of pollution and extreme heat



Where schools, neighborhoods, and activities are high-quality, safe, and inclusive

New Jersey can flourish only if residents of all ages and stages of life have good choices for a home in a safe, affordable neighborhood – where everyone can reach their full potential, support a family, and enjoy their community.

Today, too many people don't have this opportunity. Some must leave the state because they can't afford a home in a safe, convenient place. Others want to stay but wish their neighborhood was more vibrant and connected. Some feel they have no choice but to remain in places without the amenities they need.

This unfortunate reality results from our state's inadequate systems for land use planning and regulation, housing production, government services, and more. Thankfully, they can be improved.

That's why we're endorsing a holistic set of Principles for "Great Homes and Great Neighborhoods" to meet New Jersey's housing needs. As people and organizations from diverse backgrounds, sectors, and interests, we know that by coming together and working collectively, we can elevate these principles and lay the groundwork for actions to achieve them.

We endorse these Principles as the basis for future action steps that will lead to comprehensive, systemic change supporting Great Homes and Neighborhoods for All:

- ✓ **Local advocacy campaigns** should have tools and resources to support municipal officials and organize residents to advocate for affordable homes in great neighborhoods.
- ✓ **Residents should be better protected from displacement** due to growing hazards, rising costs, or related factors by early interventions, legal support, and emergency funding.
- ✓ **New housing production and programs to upgrade and preserve existing units** should ensure an ample supply of low-cost, livable homes with stable rents in every community.
- ✓ **Zoning regulations and state funding** should allow for compact, mixed-income homes in climate-safe, green, walkable places that residents desire and that foster integration.
- ✓ **Government reforms** should make development reviews, retooled housing and economic incentives, and consolidated services fairer, faster, and more cost-effective.
- ✓ **Local land use planning** for housing should be supported by state and regional resources and well-trained planning board members, and offer clear paths for public input.

