



Welcome to the 2024 Policy Breakfast

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Today, as we gather virtually, it is of utmost importance that we all recognize the land we are living and working on is stolen land from our Native American relatives.

We must seek to understand our place within that history and use that understanding to work towards justice.

*Land Acknowledgement
Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness*



Welcome

Joyce McNutt – Host

Housing Stability Manager,
Community Mediation and Restorative Services

Faith Reflection

Sue Watlov Phillips

Executive Director, MICA



THANK YOU!

Policy officials who have said they would be with us today.

Senator Bonnie S. Westlin (42)

Representative Michael Howard (51A)

Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Hennepin County Commissioner Debbie Goettel

Brooklyn Park Councilmember Maria Tran

Maple Grove Councilmember Kristy Janigo

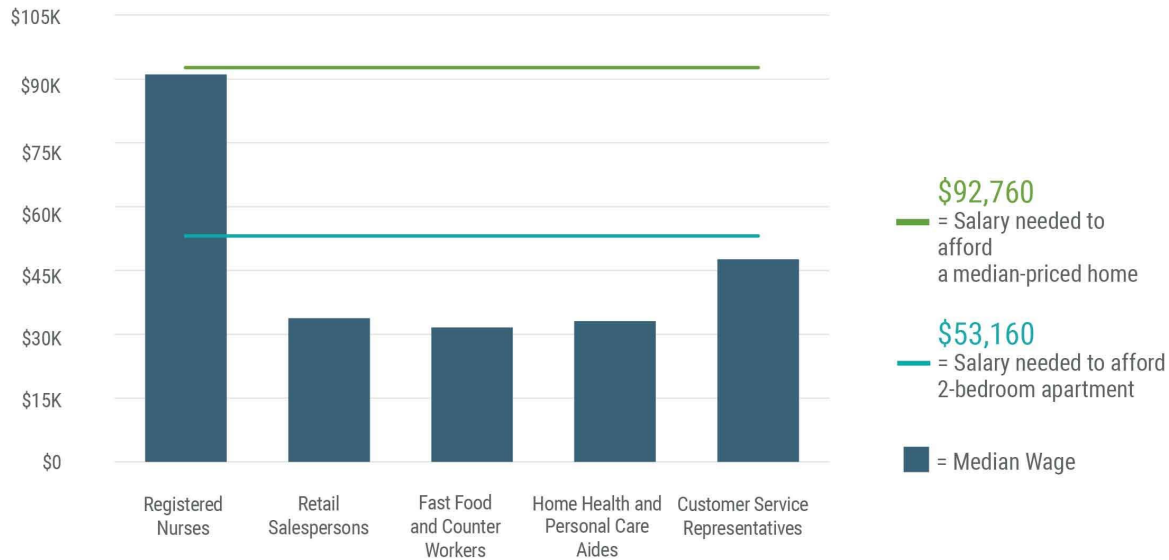
Plymouth Councilmember Clark Gregor

Vadnais Heights Mayor Mike Krachmer



The cost of housing is out of reach for many working Minnesotans.

THE REGION'S MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS vs HENNEPIN'S COST OF HOUSING



Cost-Burdened <i># of households in Hennepin County</i>	Renter:	84,654
	Owner:	62,410
	Total:	147,064



Historic Minnesota 2023 Legislative Session

\$2.6 Billion Housing and Homelessness Services.

\$1.8 Billion in FY 2024-25, and an additional \$1.7 Billion in FY 2026-27 for health care, economic assistance, behavioral health, and childcare.

Over \$1 Billion - Child Tax Credits: 300,000 households including 513,000 children will receive up to \$1,750/child.



Dustin Luke Shields Act (Lead Safe Homes bill) PASSED with \$4 Million!



- 🏠 In Minnesota, an average of 500-700 children are poisoned by lead each year.
- 🏠 It costs \$2,500/unit to make a unit LEAD SAFE from lead paint hazards.
- 🏠 A child disabled by lead poisoning may utilize \$100,000 per year for the rest of their life in State, Federal, and Medicaid benefits.
- 🏠 This bill allocates \$4 Million to ensure more lead-safe homes in urban and rural areas.



What we are doing & *how additional resources will help* to meet peoples' housing needs in our community.

Linda Soderstrom, We Are Your Neighbors

**JoAnn Leppink, The Arc Metro Regional Quality Council
Coordinator**

**Sandy Moberg Walls, CMRS Program Director for Restorative
Justice and Court Services**

**Councilmember Kristy Janigo,
Maple Grove**



MICAH's 2024 Policy Priorities: Local & State Level

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision-making table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs, and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by lead paint poisoning to implement the Lead Safe Homes Bill, to protect our children from lead poisoning.
3. Racial Equity and protection of Civil Rights in all Homeless and Housing Programs and support systems.
4. Preserve and create safe, decent, accessible, affordable housing (rental & homeownership) for people with incomes under 30% median income.
5. Support livable incomes for people who are employed, unemployed, and on public assistance.
6. Ensure we are a welcoming community in creating housing opportunities that provide second chances and mercy for those who have struggled with addiction, mental and/or physical health, criminal, and/or rental issues.
7. MICAH will be actively involved with the Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2024 Session priorities.



Homes for All's 2024 Policy Agenda:

1. Funding to build more - Bonding
2. Housing Constitutional Amendment
3. Source of Income Protection
4. FHPAP for ERA \$200 Million
5. Landlord Tenant Law changes



Bring Minnesota Home NOW!

Commissioner Kevin Anderson
Hennepin County

Elizabeth Dressel
Director of Policy and Planning
MN Interagency Council on Homelessness

Representative Michael Howard
Chair, Housing Finance and Policy Committee



State Policy Makers

How will you use our
State Resources
to prevent and end homelessness,
and provide affordable housing?



Local Policy Makers

How are you, or will you, use local American Rescue Plan funds and Local Homeless Prevention Aid to prevent and end homelessness and address people's housing needs in our community?



"Please support H4A Legislative Agenda."

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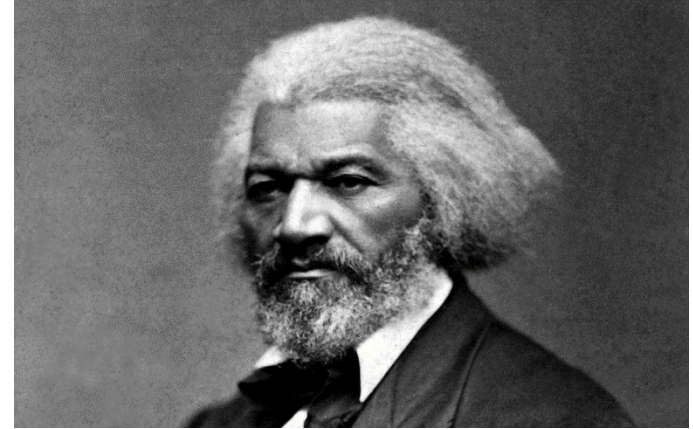
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Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, told us this – **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



We must demand all our systems and organizations do what is needed to guarantee everyone, without exception, has a safe, decent, accessible, and affordable home.



Ways to be Involved:

Housing for All Chapter Meetings – 3rd Thursday at 10am

MICAH Mpls Chapter & Freedom from the Streets Policy Luncheon - Monday, March 04, 1:30-3:00p

Mental Health Day on the Hill - Thursday, March 7
9:30a Briefing, 11:00a Rally – MN Capitol Rotunda

Hunger Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 13
Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, 105 University Ave. W, Saint Paul
10:00 - 11:30 am: Welcome, 12:00 - 4:00 pm: Meetings with legislators

Homeless Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 20
8:00a – gather at Central Presbyterian, 500 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, 55101

10:00a – walk to the Capitol

Second Chance Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 20

Registration: <https://mnsecondchance.org/mnscc-doth-2024>

Habitat on the Hill - Thursday, April 18
9:30a – at the Minnesota State Capitol



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