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Breakfast Meeting will begin at 8am

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Welcome to the MICAH Northeast Chapter 2023 Policy Breakfast

Welcome:

Janet Urbanowicz,
White Bear Unitarian Universalist



MICAH Northeast Chapter 2023 Legislative Breakfast

Faith Reflection:

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Introduction to MICAH:

Janet Urbanowicz, White Bear Unitarian Universalist



A New Dawn of Abundance at the Capitol Lead Safe Homes Bill

State Representative
Peter Fischer (44A)
Chair, Human Services Policy



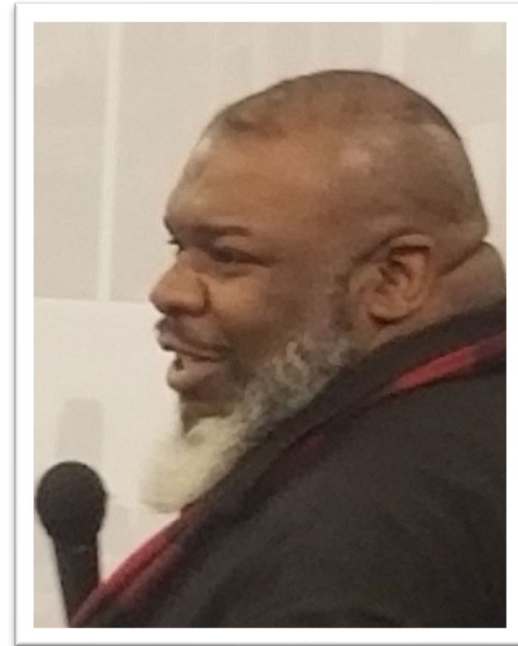
A New Dawn of Abundance at the Capitol: New Perspectives, New Energy

Representative Brion Curran (36B)
Vice Chair
Sustainable Infrastructure Policy



Lived experience: From New Orleans Hurricanes to Minnesota Snowfall

John Bradley
Freedom from the Streets
No More Streets



2023 MICAH Policy Agenda

Sue Watlov Phillips
MICAH Executive Director



MICAHA's 2023 Policy Priorities:

1. Ensure the voice and power of people who have experienced homelessness and/or housing crises are at every decision make table, design, implementation, evaluation of homeless programs and housing.
2. Work with families impacted by Lead Poisoning on 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. MICAHA will be actively involved with Homes For All process in developing and implementing the 2023 Session priorities.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

\$17.6 Billion in abundance and \$1.2 Billion in American Rescue Funds (ARP)



Homes for All's 2023 Policy Agenda

1. Acquisition and rehab of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing
2. Funding to build more
3. Bring It Home
4. Changes to 4d tax class rate
5. FHPAP for ERA
6. Down Payment Assistance
7. Housing Constitutional Amendment
8. Housing Support Income Modifications
9. Pre-Eviction Notice & Eviction Expungement
10. Source of Income Protection

Support Agenda items include:

Lead Safe Homes Bill and income disregard for lived experience expertise payments.



Policy Makers: WWYD?

What will YOU do to increase affordable housing and homeless resources this year?
(2 minutes)



Questions From the Audience



Ramsey County – 2021 – Three simple facts

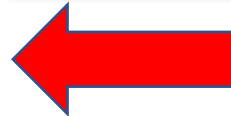


RENTER HOUSEHOLDS

84,789 | 41% of all households

Median rent, 2000:	\$897	↑ rent up 12%
Median rent, 2019:	\$1,007	
Renter income, 2000:	\$40,477	↓ income down -4%
Renter income, 2019:	\$38,891	

Fact 1: Rents went up, wages went down.



Fact 2: Huge racial inequality in homeownership.



Fact 3: Need 18,000+ AH units.



Number of extremely low income households	28,070
Units affordable to extremely low income households	9,775
Gap between ELI households and units in Ramsey county	18,295

Homeownership in Ramsey County

BIPOC Homeowners 19,214

15%

85%

White Homeowners 105,040

Source: Minnesota Housing Partnership County Profile





Washington County – 2021 – Three simple facts



RENTER HOUSEHOLDS

17,817 | 19% of all households

Median rent, 2000: \$1,035
 Median rent, 2019: \$1,307  rent up **26%**

Renter income, 2000: \$48,286
 Renter income, 2019: \$50,517  income up **5%**



OWNER HOUSEHOLDS

76,614 | 81% of all households

Home value, 2000: \$231,176
 Home value, 2019: \$289,400  value up **25%**

Owner income, 2000: \$106,082
 Owner income, 2019: \$109,626  income up **3%**

Fact 2: 20,000 households are in housing they cannot afford.

Number of households paying more than 30% of their income toward housing

RENTERS	OWNERS
8,437	12,396

Fact 1: Housing costs have gone up far faster than incomes

SEVERE COST BURDEN Number and percent of households paying **more than 50%** of their income toward housing.

Severe Renter Cost Burden **3,936** households or **23%** of all renter households

Fact 3: 1 out of 4 renters is paying over half their income in rent.

(The federal government says you should not pay more than 30% of your income on housing, so you can pay for medical, food, family needs, etc. Cost burden is more than 30% spent. Severe cost burden is more than 50% spent.)

Source: Minnesota Housing Partnership



Washington County Emergency Housing Update

John Hodler
Homeless Strategy Advocacy Team
Trinity Lutheran



WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY HOUSING PROJECT

**Community report from
HSAT**



Emergency Housing Project need/funds

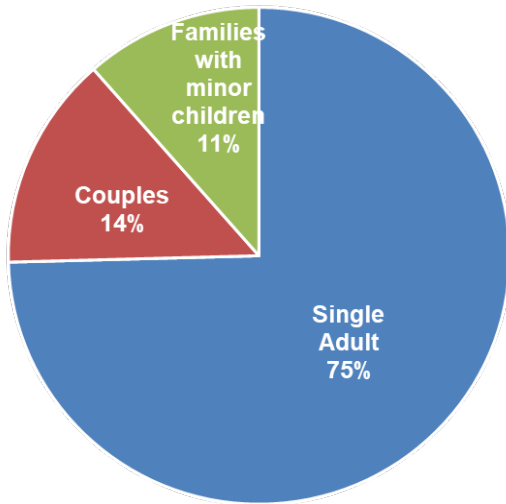
- ✓ **April 2020 thru 2022 – limited number hotel rooms available**
 - Served 217 people from 176 households
 - Rooms: 35-45 thru Feb. 2023, 20 currently - need not met

- ✓ **Washington County Commissioners approval - 2021**
 - American Rescue Plan Act approved money to purchase & remodel facility
 - Team: Washington County Community Services (Washington County and Community Development Agency (CDA) staff)

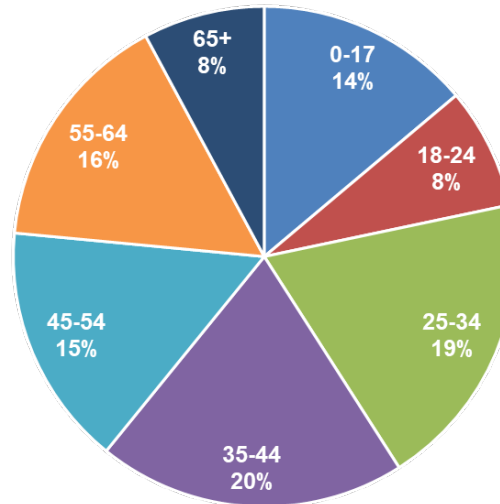


Shelter Demographics Snap-Shot

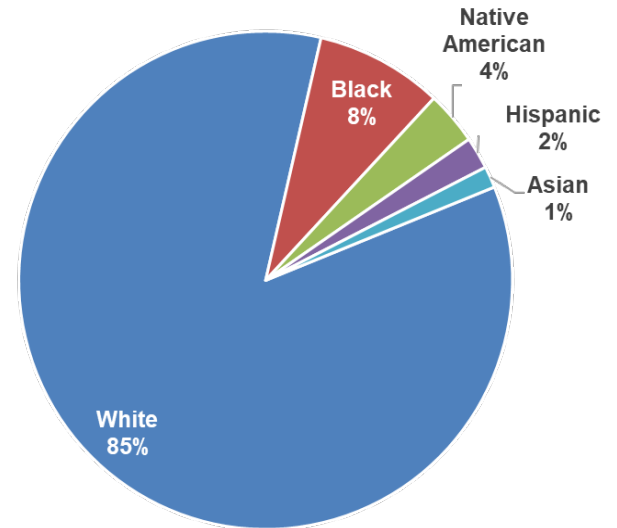
All Shelter Households by Type



All Shelter Households by Age



Head of Household by Race



Emergency Housing Project team's work

- Team: Washington County Community Services (Washington County and Community Development Agency (CDA) staff)
- Due Diligence – I.D. hotel property, Stillwater, MN
- CDA – Purchase agreement with contingencies
- Project briefing – City Council, City Administrator, Staff
- January – City Staff notified a zoning change request would be coming in late February 2023



Project Approval Status – Next Steps

✓ **Stillwater City Council: Interim ordinance prohibiting development**

- Feb. 7, 2023: One year moratorium on new requests
- Public comment re: zoning fit with City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan

✓ **Emergency Housing project support**

- St. Croix Ministerium
- Metropolitan Interfaith Council for Affordable Housing (MICAH)
- Non-profits
- Housing Advocates – Homeless Strategy & Advocacy Team (HSAT)



"Please support and hold a hearing on the
Lead Safe Homes Bill."

Senator Lindsey Port

Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention Comm.

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Rep. Michael Howard

Chair Housing Finance and Policy Comm.

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"Please use the Minnesota budget abundance (surplus) and
American Rescue Plan dollars to increase affordable housing and
homeless resource opportunities."

Senator Kari Dziedzic

Majority Leader

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Rep. Melissa Hortman

Speaker of the House

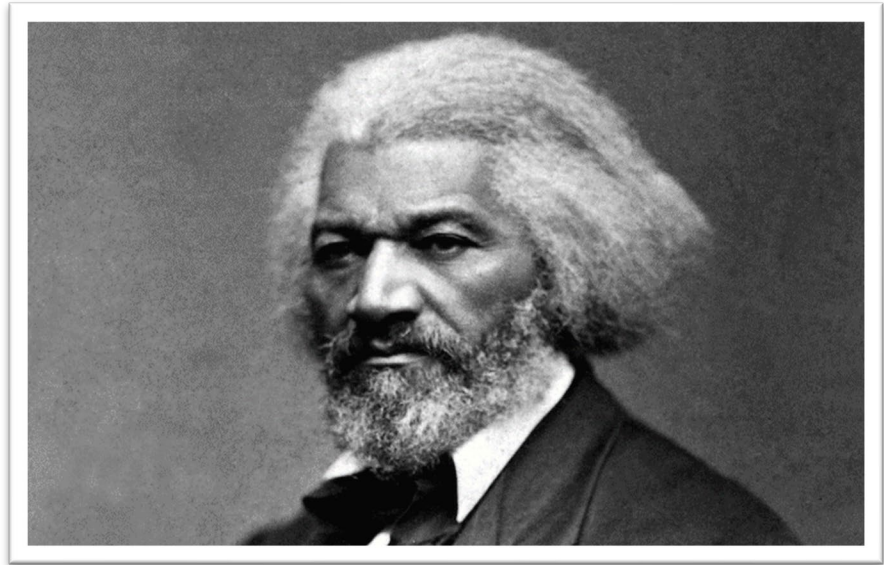
651-296-4280

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Faith in Action

The great orator, Frederick Douglass, tells us— **“Power concedes nothing without a demand.”**



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



Opportunities for Change:

Northeast Chapter Meetings – 2nd Tuesdays, 8:00am (March 14)

MICAH Policy Breakfasts & Luncheon

Friday, February 24, 8-9:30a - South Chapter (Dakota County)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcO-vrjliH9c7vzt8hIrl06JALTJhizHZh](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcO-vrjliH9c7vzt8hIrl06JALTJhizHZh)

Friday, March 3, 8-9:30a - Anoka County Chapter

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Monday, March 6, 1:30p - Minneapolis Chapter/Freedom From the Streets Policy Lunch

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Friday, March 10, 8-9:30a - Housing for All (Hennepin County)

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Foster Child and Youth Day on the Hill – Monday, March 6, 9:00a

Homeless Day on the Hill – Wednesday, March 8, 8:00a to 3:00p






Second Chance Day On the Hill – March 8, Press Conference 9:30a

MN Coalition for the Homeless Day on the Hill - Wednesday, March 8, 8:00a – 3:00p

Registration details & preparatory workshops at <https://secure.everyaction.com/ug1Hz4sWak2r-9IOUiB-jQ2>



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-  MN Dept of Health - Excellence Program
-  The Alliance – Blue Line Coalition

