



2020 Candidate Questionnaire on Housing Issues

Candidates completing the questionnaire should submit answers on MHP's website at: <https://bit.ly/34y2ezA>

1. A [national poll](#) in May 2020 found that 78% of the public believes our elected leaders are not putting enough attention on people's need for help to pay for their housing during the coronavirus outbreak. **What do you believe is the role of government in ensuring everyone has access to housing?**
2. In Minnesota, [80 of 87 counties do not have the capacity to provide sufficient shelter or temporary housing to those who are homeless](#). Nationally, a study of US cities found that 25 percent of all requests for emergency shelter went unmet. **What will you do to end homelessness?**
3. According to the Census Bureau's July 22 Household Pulse Survey for Minnesota, and [Stout's analysis of this data](#), there are 132,000 potential eviction filings over the next 4 months in Minnesota. Over 90% of evictions in Minnesota are for non-payment of rent. **What will you do to prevent evictions?**
4. Being denied where to live because of race, family status, or disability is discrimination. In Minnesota, 53% more whites are homeowners than Black residents, a statistic that dwarfs the national racial homeownership gap of 30%. **What meaningful steps will you take to address the root problems of racial disparities in housing?**
5. Our housing crisis includes a lack of safe, stable homes in Minnesota. The 2018 Minnesota Task Force on Housing identified a need for 300,000 new ownership and rental homes over the next decade. While there are 180,000 Minnesota renters with incomes at 30% area median income, only 100 units affordable to these families are produced each year. **What steps will you take to support Minnesotans' access to homes, especially for under resourced households?**
6. More than ever, the public understands the connection between housing and health, as well as education, transportation, and more. **What housing-based strategy would you use to improve health outcomes for Minnesotans?**
7. Over 188,000 Minnesota renter households between the ages of 25 and 44 are income-qualified to purchase a home but continue to rent, including 64,000 households of color. **What steps will you take to increase opportunities for renters to purchase homes, condos, or cooperative ownership models, if they choose?**
8. Including community recommendations when developing policies and programs is a best practice for effective and lasting solutions. **How will you include those impacted by housing needs in developing and implementing housing solutions?**