

Affordable Housing Crisis in Hawai`i

If you are directly affected,
you understand.

if you aren't, your children
and grandchildren are.

Will they be able to afford to live
in these islands in the years to come?

Treat the housing crisis as the emergency
it truly is!!!

Act NOW!

**Affordable Housing Rally
at the
State Capitol**



**Thursday, April 21, 2016
3:00 - 6:00pm
Rotunda**



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HOUSING NOW!

THE PROBLEM

- ▶ Our affordable housing shortage is at crisis proportions.
- ▶ We are #1 for homelessness per capita in the nation.
- ▶ 48% of our people are one paycheck away from financial disaster. (3/29/16, Star-Advertiser)
- ▶ 25% of our people have trouble making the rent or mortgage payment. (3/29/16 Star-Advertiser)
- ▶ If you make minimum wage and live in a one bedroom apartment, you will work 125 hours per week to pay the rent. (*Hawaii Business Magazine*)

This problem affects ALL of us: family, friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers are impacted by this crisis, whether we realize it or not. Even our college educated children are priced out of the market. Unless government officials act now, Hawai'i will become a playground for the rich who are cared for by a servant class with everyone else finding a home elsewhere.

WHAT TO DO

Reversing this trend requires time, money, and smart policy decisions. Our lawmakers must act NOW for the well-being of our future. **WE MUST DEMAND THIS**, and if they don't act, tell them we will vote them out of office!

Urge your legislators to support these funding proposals of Governor Ige:

SUPPORT the \$75 million for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) - which helps private-public partnerships create affordable housing, including 5,673 units built so far.

SUPPORT \$100 million for the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority - to allow speedy renovation of vacant units and the development of new housing at Mayor Wright and School Street.

SUPPORT \$25 million for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to acquire, develop and construct residential, commercial and industrial properties through interim and permanent loans to developers.

Call Governor Ige (586-0034) and encourage his leadership in passing these bills to address our affordable housing crisis!

GET INVOLVED!

Call these Senate and House leaders and your own representative and senator to demand they support these funding proposals of Governor Ige.

Senate:

Sen. Jill Tokuda - 586-7215
President Ron Kouchi - 586-6030
Majority Leader K. English - 586-7225
Caucus Leader B. Gaulateria - 586-6740

House:

Rep. Sylvia Luke - 586-6200
Speaker Joe Souki - 586-6100
Majority Leader Scott Saiki - 586-8485
Majority Whip Ken Ito - 586-8470

"I think the unfortunate thing was that we've known what was going on and we just sort of put our heads in the sand and hoped that somebody else would take care of it." — Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair of House Finance Committee, commenting on the housing crisis.

The State spends \$250,000 per sweep twice per year clearing out the houseless, removing 50 workers from their regular infrastructure and maintenance duties. Yet the state admits these events are ineffective because the houseless dwellers return soon after the crews leave.

**STOP THE SWEEPS!
BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING!**