



OUR FUTURE STARTS AT HOME



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is a constitutional amendment the best way to reach our goals?

Minnesotans, no matter what we look like or where we come from, should have safe and healthy homes. We have an opportunity to change the future of generations of Minnesotans, and to do so we need bold investments in housing now, and each year for years to come. The amendment will generate dedicated funding for housing, much like we dedicate funding for education, health care, infrastructure, and transportation. We propose a sales tax of $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1%.

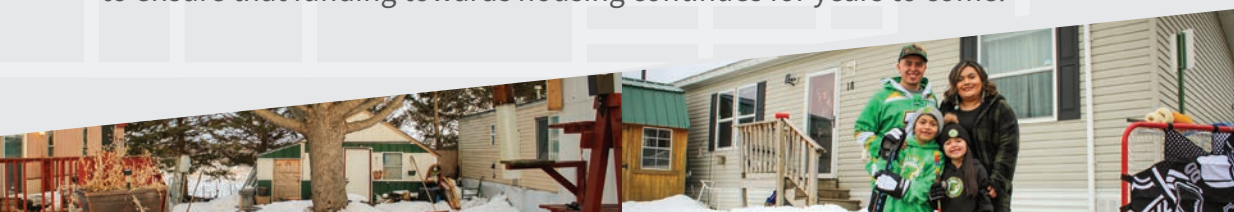
- For decades, the state has underinvested in homes—with too many Minnesota families left unhoused, home insecure, and shut out from homeownership opportunities.
- An amendment will provide stable funding, regardless of the budget or who holds power at the Capitol.
- Our constitution says that the *people* of Minnesota can change the constitution to make it work for us.
- This constitutional amendment will ensure that communities have a powerful voice in where the funding goes. 72 Minnesotans with diverse housing expertise and experiences will guide the funds to eliminate homeownership disparities, provide emergency rental assistance, and build climate resilient and sustainable affordable housing. That's community-led change.
- It includes a commitment to allocating funding with an eye toward reducing disparities, supporting community-based solutions, improving the condition of homes, increasing accessibility, decreasing energy costs and improving energy efficiency.

How do you pass a constitutional amendment?

A majority of the Senate and a majority of the House of Representatives must agree to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot for the next statewide election. A majority of all Minnesotans who vote in the election must vote to approve the constitutional amendment.

Is this amendment the same as yearly legislative appropriations for housing?

No. The Our Future Starts at Home constitutional amendment would guarantee ongoing funding, whereas this year's appropriations are mostly one-time funding. We're celebrating a historic investment that creates new opportunities for thousands of Minnesota families. And we need to build on this momentum to ensure that funding towards housing continues for years to come.



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Frequently Asked Questions Cont.

Will a constitutional amendment take care of all our housing needs?

A constitutional amendment is one part of a larger housing vision that also includes biennial legislative allocations, bonding, and policy changes. We need to build on the momentum of the historic investments the legislature passed this session with a long term strategy to solve a long term crisis.

The amendment will help ensure we address the housing needs of every Minnesotan, in every part of the state and create a sustainable, predictable, and ongoing funding source for addressing structural inequities in the housing system.

A constitutional amendment would empower the people of Minnesota to make our own decision about our future and the fundamental human need for housing.

Has anything like this been passed before?

Yes! In 2008, Minnesotans voted for and passed the Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution which increases the sales tax by three-eighths of one percent from 2009 until 2034 and distributes those funds towards protecting clean water and land. It has been done before and we can do it again!

What are the next steps?

We're working with our chief bill authors (Rep. Mike Howard and Sen. Zaynab Mohamed) and more than two dozen other lawmaker authors to build momentum for the amendment leading into the 2024 legislative session. We're also working with a coalition of individual and organizational partners to build energy in communities across the entire state, and to lift up voices and stories about housing.

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