

OUR HOMES, OUR VOTES: 2020

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Former Vice President Joe Biden

Who They Are: Joe Biden served as Vice President under President Obama, and previously served as a Senator from Delaware for over three decades.

Vice President Joe Biden's Affordable Housing Plan:

- Sets a national goal of ensuring 100% of formerly incarcerated individuals have housing when they are released from prison
- Requires HUD only contract with entities willing to house individuals who are formerly incarcerated
- Increases funding for transitional housing for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Invest an additional \$20 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund
- Guarantees section 8 housing vouchers to every eligible family

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Mayor Pete Buttigieg

Who They Are: Pete Buttigieg is the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and a former intelligence officer in the Navy Reserve.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg's Affordable Housing Plan Includes:

- Ending homelessness for families with children
- Funding national investments in affordable housing construction.
- Expanding federal protections for tenants against eviction.
- Providing a new "Homeownership Fund" pilot to cities to support residents with less than the area median income or residents of any historically redlined or racially-segregated area.

Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7hy7em>



Senator Amy Klobuchar

Who They Are: Amy Klobuchar is the senior Senator from Minnesota, and former County Attorney for Hennepin County.

Senator Amy Klobuchar's Affordable Housing Plan:

- Increases investments in rural rental assistance programs and increase investments in rural housing supply, which includes expanding affordable housing programs serving Native Americans.
- Makes the Housing Choice Voucher program available to all qualifying households with children.
- Expands the pilot of mobility housing vouchers that allows families to use their vouchers in higher opportunity neighborhoods.

Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/r2vf6ne>



Senator Bernie Sanders

Who They Are: Bernie Sanders is the junior Senator from Vermont, and ran a hard-fought campaign for the Democratic nomination for president in 2016.

Senator Bernie Sanders' Affordable Housing Plan:

- Invests \$1.48 trillion over 10 years in the national Housing Trust Fund to build 7.4 million units, and puts more resources into maintaining and expanding public housing stock
- Makes the Housing Choice Voucher program available to all qualifying households with children.
- Expands the pilot of mobility housing vouchers that allows families to use their vouchers in higher opportunity neighborhoods.
- Increases funding for the Indian Block Housing Grant Program to \$3 billion to build, preserve, and rehabilitate affordable housing in Indian country.

Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3dfdzhm>



Former Mayor Mike Bloomberg

Who They Are: Mike Bloomberg is the Former three-term mayor of New York City, Billionaire businessman, and philanthropist who founded a financial news and data company.

Mayor Mike Bloomberg's Affordable Housing Plan Includes:

- Allocates \$10 billion to invest in a Housing Fairness Commission
- Expands the Low Income Tax Credit to increase construction in low-income areas.
- Allocates \$10 billion in federal funds to remove obstacles to the construction of affordable housing units.
- Expands Fair Housing Act protections to include family status, veteran status, sexual orientation and source of funds.
- Increases funding for housing vouchers and accessibility for greater opportunities to relocate.

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Tom Steyer

Who They Are: Tom Steyer is an environmentalist, philanthropist, and founder of the hedge fund Farallon Capital.

Tom Steyer's Affordable Housing Plan:

- Invest \$47 billion per year in the national Housing Trust Fund to serve the lowest income households.
- Increase the Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocations by 50% over 5 years, with a 4% credit floor for renovation projects.
- Increase rental assistance to low-income households by expanding access to the Housing Choice voucher Program.
- Provide relief to low-income renters through a quarterly renters' tax credit

Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/ue5zkcj>



Senator Elizabeth Warren

Who They Are: Elizabeth Warren is the senior Senator from Massachusetts, and was a driving force behind the founding of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Senator Elizabeth Warren's Affordable Housing Plan:

- Expands the national Housing Trust Fund and provides \$500 billion over 10 years to build, preserve and operate rental homes affordable to families with the greatest needs. Independent analysis shows these investments would reduce rents across-the-board by 10 percent.
- Creates new incentives to encourage local governments to address regulatory and zoning barriers that drive up housing costs and restrict the ability of the private sector to build more affordable rental homes for the middle class.
- Expands the Fair Housing Act to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or veteran status, and source of income.

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