

Where Dreams Come Home

Ensure youth and their families see investments into quality and affordable housing where repairs are made in a timely manner.

Displacement and development are pushing people out of the city and into unsafe and unlivable conditions. DC has disinvested from public housing in favor of landlords. This creates a dynamic in which landlords are able to get by with using cheap materials in their newly built units and fail to complete repairs in a timely manner. Clean and safe housing is essential to the success of young people. Black youth and families deserve a safe and clean place to live, thrive, and survive.

HOUSING DEMANDS

- Increase access to affordable quality housing and ensure units are available for larger families
- Expand funding and access to utility assistance
- Require new affordable housing developments to use quality materials
- Timely/quality repairs for public housing and low-income housing
- Offer financial education courses in K-12th grade curriculum

DID YOU KNOW?!

About 90% of people in public housing — much of which is in poor condition — and 85% of individuals experiencing homelessness in the District are Black.

In 2018 almost a 1/3 of the DC's public housing units were nearly uninhabitable due to lead-paint hazards, out-of-code electrical systems, structural issues, water damage, mold and rodent infestations.

The average financial loss per month for a vacant unit is \$337 in rent & \$674 in federal subsidy. HUD reviewers estimated the authority lost \$13.2 million due to vacancies in fiscal year 2022.

DC residents in rent-controlled buildings are facing exorbitantly high rent increases up to 8.9 %, the highest increase in the history of the District's rent control statute.

