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Communities of Opportunity: New Jerseyans Need More Affordable, Convenient, and Safe Places to Call Home

Four Key Issues

- Invest in affordable homes and communities
- Advance *Mount Laurel* goals and fair housing initiatives
- Reduce evictions and foreclosures
- Embrace regional and state planning

Invest in Affordable Homes and Communities

- Adopt the “Build a Thriving NJ” Plan to invest \$600 million in resources for affordable homes
- Encourage mixed-used and transit-oriented development
- Address the dangers of lead poisoning in NJ’s older housing stock.
- Restore Special Needs Housing Trust Fund & fund homelessness prevention

Advance *Mount Laurel* fair housing goals

- Complete the legal process established by the state Supreme Court in *Mount Laurel IV (2015)* so municipalities address their fair share of regional affordable housing needs through 2025.

Reduce Evictions and Foreclosures

- Fully fund legal services for low-income tenants facing eviction.
- Amend the State Foreclosure Mediation Program to require mortgage lenders to consider loan modifications and establish a permanent source of funding for the program.
- Create and fund a program to purchase vacant properties from institutional lenders and restore them into affordable homes.

Land Use Planning

- Update the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and regional plans (Highlands, Meadowlands, Pinelands).

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