Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Affordable Housing for All

WHERE WE STAND

All Maine people deserve a safe and affordable place to call home.

Far too many Mainers are struggling to find a secure and affordable place to live, especially in light of the pandemic and recession.

Where we live impacts every aspect of our lives: the groceries we buy; where we send our kids to school; how we thrive in our community; our health and economic opportunity.

Maine Equal Justice fights to ensure that housing is within reach, regardless of a person's race, gender, where they were born, or their experiences with poverty, homelessness or incarceration. We support housing first policies that reduce barriers to housing for those experiencing discrimination, homelessness and poverty.

All households facing financial hardship should be able to get the assistance they need to avoid eviction, foreclosure and homelessness.

More info at maineequaljustice.org/vote-2020
Ask your candidates where they stand

1. Will you support expanding housing laws to **stop discrimination against tenants** who pay rent with public benefits or housing vouchers?

2. Do you support the creation of bonds to **fund additional affordable housing** AND the expansion of **housing choice vouchers** and other affordable housing programs to help rent-burdened families in Maine afford the housing that is available?

3. Recognizing that housing instability is both a cause and effect of poverty, would you act to reduce the number of **evictions and foreclosures** in Maine by expanding access to legal representation and financial help for those who need it?

4. Will you commit to addressing **racial disparities** in homelessness and housing access in Maine by calling out and changing **systems of exclusion** in federal, state, and local housing, development, and land use policy?

**HERE’S HOW YOU ASK A CANDIDATE**

Look up your voting districts at the [Maine Secretary of State’s Office](https://www.sosmaine.gov). You can see your State Senate and House districts as well as your U.S. Senators and Representative. You can ask any candidates in your districts. You can also [use our guide](#) to contact elected officials.

Search Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for candidates using their **names** or phrases like, “Maine Senate District 1” or “Maine House District 2.” **If you’re not sure how to do this, contact us!**

Share your questions by email or private message, or create a post and **tag their page**, or ask a question at a candidate forum! Email us the response you get at [arana@mejp.org](mailto:arana@mejp.org), or **tag our Facebook page**.


**Questions?** Contact Ambureen Rana, [arana@mejp.org](mailto:arana@mejp.org) for help.