

HOMES FOR ALL – 2025-26

VOICE & COMMONWEALTH HOUSING COALITION INITIATIVE

Virginia is in a worsening housing crisis. Housing costs are skyrocketing. The number of homes we're building each year has plummeted—even as our population and workforce have grown.

- **Production Lag:** Virginia builds only about 30,000 new homes annually, half the rate of the mid-2000s.
- **Severe Shortage:** We need over 300,000 affordable homes to meet current demand.
- **People Are Struggling:** Over 300,000 low-income renter households are cost-burdened. Teachers, Healthcare Professionals, First Responders who work in PWC can't afford to live here Over 50% of seniors living alone are severely cost-burdened.
- **Zoning is the bottleneck:** Since 2010, 68% of permits were for single-family homes, locking out more affordable and diverse options.

This is a critical moment for housing justice in Virginia. With the 2026 General Assembly and gubernatorial election on the horizon, VOICE and our allies in the Commonwealth Housing Coalition are coming together to demand bold statewide action to address the housing shortage and unlock opportunity for all. This action will be a powerful display of people power—lifting up the voices of diverse faith communities and allies supporting housing champions at the local and state level, united around a shared vision of housing abundance.

We need every VOICE supporter and ally in the room to show the depth and breadth of our movement. Your presence will send a clear message to candidates and elected officials: the time for tweaks is over—we're organizing for transformation and building the pressure to make housing a defining issue in 2025 and beyond.

SAVE THE DATE

This assembly will take place **Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM ET** at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, Herndon, VA 2017.

MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO RSVP, AND CAR POOLING OPTIONS TO COME