



Affordable Housing Advocates 2010 Accomplishments

At the beginning of 2010 Affordable Housing Advocates (AHA) set goals which included providing advocacy to elected officials, providing education on affordable housing, increasing affordable housing, and monitoring local housing issues. Below is a list of some of AHA's accomplishments from 2010:

Education

- Launched social networking strategies to provide public education including Facebook, Twitter, and a Blog.
- Prepared and broadly presented the “The State of Affordable Housing in Hamilton County: The Crisis.”
- Hosted AHA’s Annual Meeting at the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati; presented the report “The State of Affordable Housing in Hamilton County: The Crisis” for distribution, and hosted speakers from the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless’ Speaker’s Bureau.
- Co-hosted “Promoting Inclusion in Neighborhood Redevelopment and Housing” Forum at City Hall along with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission.
- Participated as a member and offered recommendations in the newly-formed City/County Fair Housing Advisory Board.
- Hosted a table at the Neighborhood Summit offering education materials on affordable housing.

Advocacy and Policy Efforts

- Joined the Home Think Tank collaborative to increase advocacy efforts.
- Made recommendations and testified on the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority policies proposed in their Annual Plan.
- Established a “Housing Preservation Committee” chaired by Kelan Craig from the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHIO) to address affordable housing preservation issues, specific buildings of interest and strategies for preserving at-risk properties.
- Conducted meetings with elected City and Hamilton County officials to discuss the state of affordable housing in Southwest Ohio.
- Provided a list of politically diverse nominees for the open CMHA Board appointments to all 16 members of the Court of Common Pleas, the County Commissioners, and the City Manager—all of whom, had at least one appointment to make to the CMHA Board this year.
- Active participation in “Tenants United for Truth (TUT)” meetings.
- Provided letters of support for efforts that aligned with AHA’s mission and policy agenda.
- At the request of Senator Sherrod Brown’s office, AHA members met with the Senator to provide a status report of local affordable housing issues upon request from.