Housing Security

End Family + Chronic Homelessness

The District must make significant progress towards its commitment of ending chronic and family homelessness by investing in long term affordable housing programs like Permanent Supportive Housing, Targeted Affordable Housing and Local Rent Supplement Program tenant vouchers for families. In addition, to PSH, TAH and LRSP funding should be provided toward Rapid Rehousing for individuals experiencing.

$31M for 1,620 singles and $26.37 million total to Department of Human Services and the DC Housing Authority for 1,195 families

Public Housing Repair Fund

The District must repair and maintain DC’s public housing stock by establishing a minimum funding level of $25M in the Public Housing Repair Fund and making up the proposed $16M in cuts from the federal government. The DC Housing Authority also must be transparent about how they spend their money by submitting annual reports and periodic audits to the Council.

$40 million to the DC Housing Authority

Fill the Housing Need

The District must create 26,000 units of extremely low income housing over the next 10 years, starting with 2,600 in FY19. This should be done through a mix of 1300 Local Rent Supplement Program vouchers, 1300 units of new housing production, affordable housing requirements in market rate buildings, and researching the feasibility of locally run public housing.

$313 million to DC Housing Authority and Department of Housing and Community Development

Downtown Services Center

Create a centralized services center in Downtown DC for residents experiencing homelessness that offer: case management, showers, employment support, housing navigation, storage, and laundry.

$800,000 to the Department of General Services

Eliminate Housing Discrimination

Add 6 new staff people to the The Office of Human Rights to enforce housing and employment discrimination cases. The District must also pass and enforce laws to add homelessness as a protected class and strengthen protections for housing applicants from discrimination.

$800K for The Office of Human Rights

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides back rent for people facing eviction and security deposits for people who need to move. It was cut by almost $2 million last year. The District should restore that cut and increase funding to serve more people.

$12 million to the Department of Human Services to serve 1700+ residents

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DC Has Only Met A Small Share of Need for Housing Affordable to Extremely Low-Income Residents

Affordable Rental Units Created/Planned (FY15-18)

Severely rent burdened households (2015)

$6 Million for Street Outreach to the Department of Human Services and $9.3 million for new shelters and conditions to the Department of Human Services

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Improving Services and Shelters for Homeless Individuals

Increase case management services for families and individuals in shelter to adequately conduct assessments and connect them to the resources to help them exit to permanent housing. Increase funding for street outreach teams throughout the city. Improve the conditions in the District’s single adult shelters and build a smaller, community-based, service-enriched, and more humane shelter that operates 24/7.

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