

1) What should the state do to help end homelessness?

I am regularly put in touch with people experiencing homelessness and it is always devastating to hear their stories, especially when I know enough resources are not currently available. The state should enact zoning reform in addition to increasing funding to organizations who provide rental assistance and emergency shelters. The state should also subsidize and/or offer tax incentives for the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), office to housing conversions, and other affordable housing projects.

2) How would you address the housing needs of our rural communities?

Ohio's rural communities face a significant lack of resources. In my district our Community Action Programs offer amazing support to our rural friends and neighbors, but their guidelines are narrow due to a lack of funding. Significant investment in infrastructure projects is a meaningful first step to addressing the housing crisis in rural communities specifically. Expanding the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act would help to provide the resources that are needed in rural communities.

3) Do you believe the state should ensure the sufficient revenue for the OHTF (Ohio Housing Trust Fund)? If so, how?

Yes, Ohio should ensure the OHTF is fully funded. In order to do this we should implement a progressive tax starting at 2% of homes sold for \$500,000 or more.

4) Additional Comments

In addition to helping people stay in their current homes we must ensure these homes are well maintained by landlords and that there is access to appropriate emergency housing options everywhere, not just in densely populated areas. No one should be forced to live in a tent or in a vehicle, questioning where their next meal is coming from.