



Utah Housing Coalition

Promoting Affordable Housing to Ensure Healthy & Stable Communities



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Press Conference with Utah Housing Coalition

January 18, 2012

Utah State Capitol

Time: TBA

Utah Housing Coalition invites you to a press conference on the importance of affordable housing. Many people hear the phrase “affordable housing” and think it refers only to government-subsidized housing units for low income and poverty-stricken families. But we believe that everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to live, from single parents scraping by on minimum wage and newly minted college grads who cannot afford to live away from mom and dad, to seniors who want to retire without giving up the comforts of home and successful professionals who know that a reasonable mortgage payment shouldn’t exceed 30% of their income.

Housing has taken a backseat in policy and planning priorities for too long. As a result, we continue to experience a prolonged economic recession that experts say won’t end until the housing markets begin to perform again. More and more families are finding themselves without adequate shelter for their children. Younger generations are putting off starting families and embarking on the path to homeownership, and seniors are delaying retirement because the cost of housing has outpaced their earnings and savings.

As our local communities and our state move into the future and plan for growth, it is more important now than ever that housing issues are at the forefront of all our decision making. We need housing inventory that serves the needs of every Utahn, and we need that inventory to come from private and public sources, alike. We need more support for programs that promote financial wellness for people across a broad spectrum of economic ability. We need smart community planning that takes transportation, food, education and housing into account to create vibrant, diverse, and walkable neighborhoods. We need to foster prosperity for all Utahns.

All of Utah’s residents deserve a decent, affordable place to live. We believe it is possible to house all of our community members in safe, appropriate dwellings. We are challenging our legislators, our business community, our media and the public to help us make our dream a reality.