

Prosperity Indiana Summit – Session Notes

Advocacy Efforts: Connecting Grassroots Efforts with Statewide Affordable Housing Initiatives

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1) Who are the critical constituencies that we need to involve in Advocacy Efforts? It's critical we assess the quality of the relationships that grassroots movements have to these constituencies.

- Tenants
- Employers
- Landlords
- Schools
- Children
- Faith Based Groups
- Homeowners
- Formerly Incarcerated
- Housing Authorities
- Social Service Organizations
- Climate Activists
- Legal Experts
- Elected Officials
- Voters
- Health Care
- Universities
- Boards of Health
- Civil Rights
- Fair Housing Centers
- Investors/Bankers
- Builders and Developers
- Businesses
- Etc.

2) What changes are we seeking? Deborah Myerson discussed the need to change "Policy & People."

- Cultural Orientations
- Personal Lifestyles
- HB 1103 – Tenant Rights
- Poor Building Conditions for Renters
- Tenant Notice; Right to Cure
- Creating Alternate Housing Structures (e.g. Cooperatives)
- Out of State Owner Accountability
- Mobile Home Park Governance
- Problem Landlords
- Land Contracts
- Access to Records
- Public Awareness Campaign
- Tenant underwriting – criminal background checks.

3) What can we do to improve our statewide support for, and connectedness to, these grassroots campaigns?

- Public Awareness
- Climate Connection
- Opportunity Starts at Home
- Sharing Advocacy Efforts
- Connecting with State Legislative Advocacy
- Google Groups
- Resources for Local Government (AARP Material)
- Supports for Property Management Companies
- Land Use Best Practices
- Housing Production Analysis
- Sharing Support Systems