



# CONNECTICUT HOUSING COALITION

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## 2006 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### ■ **RENTAL ASSISTANCE (H.B. 5108)**

The state Rental Assistance Program (RAP) assists families facing crushing housing costs to pay the rent, while helping struggling landlords to maintain decent properties. In the face of cutbacks to the federal Section 8 housing voucher program, Connecticut should restore funding to the RAP program and return to its prior service level of 2600 families.

### ■ **STATE HOUSING TAX CREDIT (S.B. 299)**

Connecticut should expand its popular, effective program of tax incentives to businesses that contribute to nonprofit-sponsored affordable housing. In 2005, \$5 million in tax credit awards will leverage \$74.3 million in total housing development activity producing 391 new units. In 2006, tax credits should be expanded to \$10 million to meet urgent needs, including workforce housing and supportive housing for people with disabilities.

### ■ **PUBLIC HOUSING REVITALIZATION (H.B. 5458, S.B. 52)**

Public housing revitalization plans must protect current residents and preserve the inventory for those on waiting lists. Capital financing must be available to local housing authorities for both urgent repairs and long-term revitalization that creates mixed-use, mixed-income communities while maintaining affordability.

### ■ **PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS (S.B. 387)**

Assessment methods for the valuation of government-assisted affordable housing must be fair and consistent. Assessments should be based upon actual net operating income, and should not include subsidized financing, grants or tax credits used for the development of the housing.

### ■ **ELDERLY/DISABLED MIXED POPULATIONS (S.B. 357)**

People with disabilities living in elderly/disabled public housing must have adequate housing options, with no restrictions on their access to public housing and services available to address challenges arising in mixed population settings.

### ■ **AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPEALS PROCEDURE (S.B. 672)**

The Affordable Housing Appeals Procedure (C.G.S. Sec. 8-30g) is our strongest legal tool to overcome exclusionary zoning. The law has worked well, and the changes adopted in 2000 appropriately addressed critics' concerns. Any effort to weaken this historic statute, such as S.B. 672, should be rejected.

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