

Draft Resolution in Support of Building A Thriving New Jersey

Whereas, everyone around New Jersey has felt the impact of the 2008 recession, the foreclosure crisis and Superstorm Sandy, all of which took an enormous toll on our communities, from our infrastructure to our businesses to the neighborhoods where we work and live; and,

Whereas, the State of NJ still ranks number one in standard foreclosures and number one in zombie foreclosures; and,

Whereas, the State of NJ is the fifth most expensive place to rent a two bedroom apartment in America; and,

Whereas, the State of NJ has more millennials living at home than any other in state in the union; and,

Whereas, according to the most recent United Way ALICE report, 37 percent of households in New Jersey cannot afford basic needs like housing, child care, health care, food or transportation; and,

Whereas, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals rose by 48 percent last year; and,

Whereas, our families, friends and neighbors are the heart of our state and the backbone of our economy, but if we can't afford to live here, we can't get our economy back on track; and,

Whereas, by building homes we can afford and revitalizing our communities, we can create thousands of new jobs, support businesses and boost economic activity, all across the state; and,

Whereas, we can build a thriving New Jersey by making sure we can afford homes in the communities where we work and live,

Therefore be it resolved that we (name of governing body) support the Build A Thriving New Jersey effort and urge the next leaders of New Jersey to invest \$600 million into homes we can afford, so that all of us can continue to call New Jersey home; and,
(<http://www.hcdnnj.org/assets/documents/build%20thrive%20one%20pager.pdf>).

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution will be shared with candidates for the Legislature and those running for Governor, as well as the Housing Community Development of New Jersey, and our district's elected representatives.