

Setting Our Advocacy Agenda for 2019

Setting Our
Affordable Housing
Agenda for 2019
Judy Seldin-Cohen &
Steve Cohen

Focus

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Collaboration

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SUCCESS

- City Council votes
- Individual meetings
- Two items per meeting
- Mention third item

- Carolina Jews For Justice
- Housing Justice Coalition
- Council for Children's Rights
- HSN Advocacy
- OneMECK
- DoGoodCLT

- \$2.7MM rental subsidy
- 20% units <30% AMI
- \$50MM housing bond
- Community voice

Mecklenburg
County BOCC

Faith In
Housing

Housing
Justice
Coalition

NEW

Charlotte
City Council

Displacement

Setting Our Immigrant Justice Agenda for 2019

Barbara Randolph

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SUCCESS

- Public awareness & education
- Truths, Myths, and realities

- Campaign against 287(g) contract with ICE

- “New Sheriff in Town” rescinding 287(g)

Federal
Lobbying

Advocacy
Locally

Setting Our Criminal Justice Agenda for 2019

Robert Coppel &
De'Angelo Dia

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SUCCESS

- Promote Public Awareness & Education
- Nurture Community Partnerships & Accountability

- Political Candidate Forums
- Voter Registration and Awareness

- New officials elected and greater awareness

Congregational & Community Partnerships

- United Missionary Baptist Association
 - St. Paul Baptist Church
 - Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
 - Antioch Baptist Church
- C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church
- Caldwell Presbyterian Church
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church
- The Southern Coalition for Social Justice
- The Exodus Foundation
- Faith in Public Life
- The Urban League of Central Carolinas

- Bail Reform
- Secured Bonds for Minor Non-Violent Offenses
- Juvenile Justice Awareness and Education:
Restorative Justice or Community Safety
 - Collaborating with judges, district attorneys, juvenile defense attorneys, law enforcement agencies, schools and other youth service providers to determine and provide the right program for Mecklenburg County
- Expungement
- Eliminate Solitary Confinement

Setting Our Healthcare Justice Agenda for 2019

Dr. Susan Rucker

Issues

- 1 in 5 people are uninsured or underinsured – this number is increasing
- Minorities are harder hit
- Health care is unaffordable for most
- Health care is the leading cause of bankruptcy
- 1 Trillion health care dollars spent in bureaucracy

Solution – *Medicare 4 All*

A new and improved version for all

- Cuts administrative costs in half
- Negotiate contract savings
- Savings can expand care
- Cost less for 95%
- Remains private health care with free choice of providers
- Doctor – patient relationship
- Change jobs and have coverage
- Pro business

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SUCCESS

- Education on Medicare 4 All
- Support HR 676 and S 1804 - Lobby
- Voter Involvement and Engagement

- Student Groups
- Health Care Justice NC
- PNHP
- Faith Leaders
- Politicians

- Number of Educational Programs Provided
- New Members for Health Care Justice NC
- Voter Registration/Voting assistance
- Support from Legislators

Affordable Housing Breakout Group

Goal

- County, CMS land for housing – low cost, well-located
- Diverse price point, integrated communities
- Social services along w/housing

Activities

- Meet w/9 Commissioners
- Show up at BOCC Meetings
- Meet with developers

Partners

- OneMECK
- Carolina Jews for Justice

*Team Leader
Steve Cohen*

Faith in Housing

Goal

- Inspire congregations to create affordable housing

Activities

- Communicate to congregations
- Create next event
- Compile resource guide? Peer group?

Partners

- Faith organizations
- Arts & Advocacy
- Developers?

*Team Leader
Judy Seldin-Cohen*

Housing Justice Coalition

Goal

- Hold Council accountable to Housing Charlotte Framework
- Monitor changes in strategy affecting affordable housing

Activities

- Review spending proposals against new scorecard
- Evaluate past HTF projects
- Show up at Coalition, HAND, Council Meetings

Partners

- Housing Justice Coalition (leader)
- Other members include CJJ,, WSCLT

Team Leader Needed

Displacement

Goal

- Enable tenants to remain in place
- Create low-income home ownership opportunities
- Foster diverse communities

Activities

- Listen to those at risk of displacement – QC Family Tree
- Identify coalition partners
- Build common platform
- Advocate for change (City? State?)

Partners

- New partners – people affected by displacement,
Team Leader
Volunteer who is connected to affected communities

Goal

- Funding in 2019-20 City Budget for additional housing for under 30% AMI

Activities

- Develop platform
- Meet with 11 City Council Members
- Show up at HAND, Council Meetings

Partners

- TBD

Team Leader
Volunteer needed

Federal Lobbying

Goal

- Stop separation of children and Reunification
- Pressure for increase to refugees allowed
- Solution to DACA

Activities

- Publish Commentary/Blog
- Research for publications
- Pressure Senators & Representatives

Partners

- Raise public awareness
- Build public support
- Reinforce views

Team Leader

Advocacy Locally

Goal

- Identify areas where our local community needs support

Activities

- Rapid Response

Partners

- Comunidad Colectiva
- Charlotte Women's March
- Action NC
- Migrant Assistant Project

Objectives for 2019

Objective I

Advocate for constitutional integrity, due process, and fair representation for all immigrants residing in the US and for asylum seekers currently migrating to the US.

Objective II

Identify matters affecting our local communities and build advocacy to support.

Objective III

Encourage political engagement and voter turnout by the immigrant community for the future.