

George Barrett

#1 Petitioners "affordable housing Bond"



An Affordable Housing Bond for Chapel Hill in 2024!

Too many people in our community cannot afford safe and stable housing in Chapel Hill. The housing crisis is worsening due to the deficit of available units and skyrocketing costs for both rentals and homeownership. In response, the Town Council over the past few years has prioritized high-impact investments and strategies that promote the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

Now, the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition (OCAHC) is calling on Town Council to prioritize two key items: **1) issuing a \$50 million affordable housing bond referendum on the fall 2024 ballot, and 2) dedicating the equivalent of two cents on the property tax rate for affordable housing in the FY25 budget.**

Please join us in holding Town Council accountable to its promises to create and preserve more affordable housing for our community!

To read OCAHC's full letter to the Town Council, click [here](#).

To learn more about Chapel Hill's housing crisis and why \$50 million is needed, click [here](#).

YES! As someone who works, lives, worships, or goes to school in Chapel Hill, I support more housing opportunities. I urge the Chapel Hill Town Council to issue a \$50 million affordable housing bond on the fall 2024 election ballot and to increase annual funding for affordable housing!

First Name	Last Name	Comment to Chapel Hill Town Council about why you support more affordable housing in your community (optional)
Daniele	Berman	
Patrick	Nerz	
Donna	Carrington	
Caroline	Karras	
Laura	Wells	I hate to see Chapel Hill becoming a place where only the wealthy can live. To me, the beauty of the town is its diversity and the strong sense of community.
Ivelisse	Mercado	
Marissa	Hall	
Libby	Searles-Bohs	We are behind and the race is moving faster all the time. Available land, land prices, construction prices - we face a challenging set of variables moving in the wrong directions for creating and maintaining an adequate supply of permanently affordable housing in Chapel Hill. We have catching up to do and the bond and annual funding will help immensely. Thank you for making this a priority in 2024 and beyond.
Grace	Chamberlin	
Sara	Levine	
Dan	Levine	Housing is the bedrock of our community, and we need more housing at all income levels--especially dedicated affordable housing--to keep our community vibrant and healthy.
Karen	Frazier	The only reason I'm able to own my home in Chapel Hill is because I happened to buy it several years ago. I would not be able to afford to live here if I were looking for a place to rent or buy now. Without living near people from all backgrounds and incomes, our community is impoverished and my children grow up without knowing and playing with people who are different than them. In addition, affordable housing is important for the environment--to reduce the greenhouse gases that come from folks who work in this community commuting.
Kristie	Mather	I moved here 10 years ago, and couldn't possibly have purchased my house now. I want a diverse community that welcomes people like me.
Lindsey	Smith Taillie	
Matt	Rutledge	
Jeff	Caiola	Desperately needed in our ever escalating and costly housing environment
Linda	Fajardo	Affordable housing in Orange County (through the Community Home Trust) made my "American Dream" come true!
Molly	DeMarco	I want to live in a town with all sorts of people, but our policies are forcing out elders, forcing our young UNC grads, our artists and musicians. We need to create a more affordable community. More affordable housing is part of that solution.
Brika	Eklund	Support affordable housing so people of all income levels can continue to live in our great community - especially the residents who teach and serve our community.
Jimbo	Parrott	
Marcia	Perritt	
bruce	warrington	I appreciate recent efforts to expand housing supply. Please take the next steps to directly support affordable housing.
Kaitlyn	Kopala	
Kimberly	Sanchez	
Rex	Mercer	
Daniel	Bullock	Stable and affordable housing is the foundation on which all other opportunity is built and it's lack can nullify every other effort to create opportunity for all.

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Anna	Gustaveson	The rising costs of living in Chapel Hill over the last few years have made it much more difficult for the people who drive our buses, service our restaurants, and teach in our schools to live here. The purpose of community is to take care of one another and this is the most basic way to start.
David	Grana	Everyone deserves to be housed; studies have shown that a stable housing situation helps reduce crime and increase the chance of employment.
Savannah	Allred	I use affordable housing in Chapel Hill, because I'm employed with Carrboro PD and I could never afford to live in the city I work for without access to it. People deserve access to affordable housing. The gentrification of this area is destroying diversity!
Brenda	James	As a low income disabled senior finding safe and clean housing is impossible on such a low income. Everyone desires a decent, safe environment to live.
Bonnie	MacDougall	
Brieann	Mendez	As a resident of Chapel Hill, I hear and see the need every day. With the cost of living going up every day, it's important for everyone to have a safe, affordable place to lay their head. As a community, it's our responsibility.
Margaret	Penzich	Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) especially need affordable housing. The are on very low, fixed incomes.
Erin	Riney	
Greu	Brown	Affordable housing insures we will have a diverse community. It also provides housing for so many workers who do important jobs for little pay - firefighters, teachers, home healthcare workers and countless others. I am a teacher and frankly could not live in this area if it were not for Community Home Trust. CHT provides safe, affordable housing in areas that support families with lower income by offering housing in well resourced areas and safe neighborhoods.
Alice	Jacoby	
Laine	Staton	With a 12,000 unit deficit in this county, I can't see why we wouldn't approve this bond.
George	Barrett	Be cause we are in an affordable housing crisis
Stacey	Todd	GREATLY needed.
Kristina	Smith	Affordable housing is absolutely crucial to health, happiness, stability, safety, and belonging in this community. As a graduate student and a former affordable housing service provider, the desperation continues to become more palpable as supply decreases, rents are raised, and more and more people are evicted and displaced. We are losing valuable community members everyday because our lack of large scale action. Put the bond and the tax on the ballot!
Emily	Kaplan	
Christine	Abernathy	
Rachel	Eberhard	CASA would not have been able to successfully build Perry Place without the Town's financial support. We're looking forward to providing more affordable homes to Chapel Hill residents!
Beth	LeCroy	
Erin	Namovicz	
Robby	Fensom	
Matt	B	Safe affordable housing is a basic human right. As someone that has been impacted by increasing rent costs this is a very important topic, and I am glad we are discussing it. While I know tax money can be spent in many areas, but safe affordable housing helps to reduce many other community issues. The triangle is growing at a rapid rate and land/opportunities are going to disappear the longer it takes to fund/begin these projects. Thank you for your consideration to assist in solving a major community issue.

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Madeleine	Calick	
Emma	Doss	Orange County should be an equitable community where all can afford to live!
Harrison	Marshall	
Maggie	Caudle	
Cindy	Johnson	There is a deep need for true affordable housing in this community. I volunteer at IFC and talk with people every week who are unhoused even in winter weather. I am a member of United Church of Chapel Hill and have worked with the Community House shelter, next door to the church, for many years. There are many people who have jobs and still cannot afford housing in this community. Thank you.
Eric	Bredesen	I live in an affordable house thanks to CHT
Kyle	McKeel	Housing is one of the most basic needs!
Gianna	Seminara	
Cheyenne	Murdock	More affordable housing means a healthier community for all. To house someone means to give them a better life, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Housing is a human right and we must make it available to everyone.
Simon	Vincent	Local council financial participation is essential to address the problem of affordability. Bond issues and tax set-asides are the best way to accomplish this.
Kathleen	McHenry DeRubio	Because it is desperately needed.
Amanda	Maxson	
Chad	Jemison	This is pro-active planning for sustainable affordable housing options.
Juliet	Alegria	Housing is a human right.
Doris	Sigl	I am a single, 76-year-old woman and retired employee of the State of North Carolina. My combined income from Social Security, a pension and some investments affords me a modest living. But that income, mostly fixed, can't keep up with the ever-rising cost of housing. The median apartment rent right now in Chapel Hill is about \$1500, often more. If I had to pay that, it would take nearly HALF my monthly income and a home mortgage is similarly out of reach. The only reason I can afford to live in Chapel Hill right now is that 2 years ago I qualified for the Community Home Trust. That allowed me to purchase a small condo downtown with a mortgage and other expenses I can manage on my income. It not only gives me a nice place to live, it gives me a *safe* place to live as an older woman alone. Thanks to CHT, I can "age in place" in a community with free buses and many amenities and services. Without this program, I hate to think where I'd be living. PLEASE support affordable housing!
Neha	Jonnalagedda	
Shuhud	Mustafa	
Julia	Holcomb	
yuthika	sathyanarayanan	
sari	ghirmay	Necessary.
Clara	Neyhart	In my opinion affordable housing for full time residents and employees is a higher priority than housing for students which should be up to the university and should consist of dorm like structures rather than apartments
Thomas	Hammons	
Isabella	Ansarijaberi	
Abhi	Mukku	It is too expensive to live

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Cayson	Tiedge	Seeing the lack of housing available not only for low income students but also the many individuals who are homeless or housing insecure is so hard to watch. What's the point of a housing voucher if there isn't any housing that takes them? We need more affordable housing to support this community.
Sadie	Steelman	
Elizabeth	Rowe	
Moira	Kelly	
Anna	Doban	
Melissa	Hecht	If people can't afford to live in an area, that area will suffer social and economic consequences. We've already seen this in the Chapel Hill and surrounding areas. Housing is one of human's basic needs and as a community we should do better.
Aidan	Malsbary	I would not be able to live and contribute to this community without having benefited from an affordable housing program. Most rents in Chapel Hill are now double or even triple my subsidized mortgage. I don't know how poor + working class people are surviving in this town because of this. I hope the Affordable Housing Bond gets passed so more Chapel Hill families are able to benefit from the programs we did! It has been life changing.
Elizabeth	Teka	
Wolf	Gordon-Escobar	
Avery	Baker	
Moiz	Chomelawala	
Elizabeth	Evans	
Kareem	Browne	The service and music industry is a vital organ and soul to Carrboro, why lose it to university town price gouging? Keep Carrboro weird!
Richard	Killion	
Jack	Coury	For people to become invested in the community they live in, they need to be able to live in it. If you're working 40+ hours in a community, you are living in that community. However, what community do you belong to if you can't afford to live in the community that you're working in?
Nat	Flow	Housing for ALL human beings! Support the most vulnerable members of our community!
Dani	Heykoop	i believe affordable housing should be an unalienable right. i can barley afford to live with working 40 hours a week on minimum wage. we should have a community that anyone and everyone can enjoy.
Blue	Miller	
Anna	Smith	Housing here is ridiculous! Can't imagine how hard it is for even lower income people in the community.
Georgina	Simson	
Madison	Mignola	We're a community that supposedly supports progressive values. But our town is only as good as our least fortunate member. We need to put our money where our mouths are and actually fund projects that support people already within our communities, not further the interests of luxury, corporate developments.
Hal	Malone	
Carolyn	Worthing	It's long overdue!!!
Claudia	Deley	
Susan	Barco	There is a huge need and the people of Chapel Hill can easily afford to help out. This is a moral issue that we should not ignore.
Dale	Farran	

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Betsy	Brinson	It is the right thing to do.
Kelly	Fox	I'm a single mom and teacher who was living in Carrboro struggling to make ends meet with the rising rent prices. Now I'm a homeowner living happily with my two teens in Chapel Hill. This has been an opportunity of a lifetime and without CHT I'm not sure if I would have been able to continue to live and teach in Chapel Hill school district. I'm fortunate and forever grateful.
annabella	fuller	housing is a human right! with the cost of living going up and wages not going up to match, it's only fair we compensate by providing housing to our neighbors.
Helen	Stein	There is a desperate need for affordable housing for university and CCRC (for example) service workers who work in Chapel Hill. Affordable housing will ensure racial and economic diversity in Chapel Hill.
Sue	Hunter	I want to live in a more diverse community, one where the people who work here can also afford to live here. People are the heart of our community. An investment in affordable housing is an investment in our people.
Quinton	Harper	
Virginia	Carson	Affordable housing is a critical need, and public money is essential. The private market will never fill this need with a foundation of public support
Michael	Nicholson	Providing the means for financially accessible housing and the security it brings is a fundamental, responsible and compassionate means of bringing peace, productivity and health to naturally diverse communities. These results represent the holistic benefits to society that accrue rapidly but also through the long term .
Mellicent	Blythe	We desperately need more affordable housing for our teachers, town employees, and low-wage workers.
Anna	Blythe	
Vann	Joines	This is badly needed.
Sarah	Vaccarla	
Jane	Stein	
Court	Bruce	Everyone deserves a roof over their head, and rent shouldn't be significantly increased from year to year.
Alex	Nickodem	So many reasons! It is the right thing to do. The average home in Chapel Hill is over \$700,000. Now even many middle income people cannot afford to live in Chapel Hill. I am in real estate where so many only focus on selling as many homes as possible for the high amount possible. The paradigm in my industry needs to shift!
Jennifer	MacKinnon	We need to help lower to even moderate income families get into safe and affordable housing as a measure to end poverty and achievement gap, and make sure that Chapel Hill lives up to its ideals of fairness and inclusion.
Christopher	Bevin	Reducing the racial wealth gap
Margaret	Vanderford	Chapel Hill needs public service workers and service workers need homes.
Wendi	Ramsden	The way housing prices are rising in town is limited the population who can afford to live in Chapel Hill. I think we not only need truly affordable housing, but Council / ordinance / policy decisions should be made to encourage smaller homes. Not only more sustainable, but more affordable to purchase and maintain, and allows denser development to optimize public transit access and service.
BK	Hart	Housing NOW
Joseph	Adams	Cause my rent keeps going up!
Allan	Rosen	Long overdue
Asia	Fowler	needed now!
Mar'lisa	Wooten	Need immediately

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Crystell	Ferguson	Needed
Cahlil	Hinton	Needed
Keishana	Privette	we are tired of asking
Hannah	Moore	I want to be able to afford renting my own place!
Kristin	Lavergne	Much needed!
Stephani	Kilpatrick	One of the most important issues in our area!
Katina	Welch	
Darin	Campbell	Because everyone deserves a place to live and this bond will accommodate that
Jeff	Lewis	housing for lower income is very important
Crystal	Silva	
Madeleine	Wares	
Kenton	Spencer	
Ivan	Waldman	
Mary Jean	Seyda	
Melody	Kramer	My first grader's teachers drive over an hour to teach in our district. High housing costs make it harder for them to live close to where they work. Living closer to work is beneficial for a community's health and well-being.
Elizabeth	Evans	To maintain diversity, to keep the people healthy
Rebecca	Fox	
Anna	Driscoll	
Jeff	Bryant	Many of the problems Chapel Hill residents cite as critical to address—the increasing lack of income and racial diversity in the community, enrollment declines in local schools, fortifying the town's tax base, attracting a strong consumer base for small businesses on Franklin St and elsewhere, reducing commuter traffic into and out of the community, maintaining an affordable community for seniors living on fixed incomes—are directly connected to the need for more affordable in our town.
Jennifer	Gill	More affordable housing is the most pressing issue in our community and around the country, especially for people aged 50 and older, who have had a significant life event that has stabilized them. You can't find/keep a stable job, keep yourself healthy, eat and sleep well until you have a roof over your head.
Rev. Jarrett	McLaughlin	Supporting affordable housing is how we maintain the diversity that is purportedly a value in this community. If we only say that we value that diversity without making room for people of all income brackets to realistically live here then we are only paying lip service to that value. Let's commit to that value by baking affordable housing into our budget.
Katalia	Alexander	
Shannon	Harvey	
Lucy	Lewis	Affordable housing is critical to making OC a place where poor, lower income and working people can live. I am an OC native and am disheartened by more and more luxury developments. I know there aren't easy answers but an affordable housing bond would be an important step.
Stephanie	McAdam	
April	Mellion	
Timothy	Rowe	There is not enough housing
Kate	Carey	

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Benjamin	Blaisdell	
Naomi	Weatherford	I truly believe that housing should be affordable for all. As someone who has struggled financially regardless of working a full-time job or being a student, I understand the difficulties in feeling insecure with housing, and that's a feeling I wouldn't wish on anyone. We have to support each other as a community. We can't acknowledge our society's growth unless we are making efforts to support EVERYONE.
Suzy	Lawrence	
Richard	Lucier	We need a more economically diverse populations base here in CH. People who work here should be able to live here.
Kirsten	Barrett	
Tomee	Howard	
Elizabeth	Waugh	I work with those at risk of eviction and the rates just continue to rise as rental prices skyrocket across the Triangle. As a Chapel Hill native, I miss the days when low and moderate income folks could both work AND live in our community. I strongly urge you to support greater affordable housing options for people at many income levels.
Jaya	Dayal	
Jennifer	Player	Everyone in Chapel Hill should have a decent place to live.
David	Ambaras	
Drew	Tribble	
Linda	Brown	Each day as I see people asking for help on Nextdoor, it is clear that there are 3 groups that OC must prioritize when it comes to housing 1. Homeless and those close to becoming homeless--those folks that need a bit of support to make it, or get back on their feet. 2. The elderly and disabled who could use supportive housing (Example- my neighbor is 81 years old, has post-polio syndrome and is caring for his wife who has developed dementia. They have one son who lives in California.) 3. Those people living in mobile homes (which are not safe when it come to the more extreme weather events we are facing)
Laura	Abril	
Melzer	Morgan Jr	
Logan	Klein	
christine	osborne	I am not sure why we keep tearing down affordable housing to build high-end apartments that do not have affordable housing requirements (since we don't require it like condos). We say we are trying to help affordable housing but not really doing anything that directly makes this happen. We make changes that benefit students, developers and high income people but seem to be afraid to do things that can directly make a difference.
Linda	Yankowsky	
Tori	Toles	We absolutely need more affordable housing options. Families in lower income bracket are finding it extremely difficult to find affordable options. I work in the CHCCS school district and know this first hand.
Alexandra	Sheaves	I'd like more Chapel Hill housing available to the working people we rely on -- teachers, health-care providers, public safety officers, to name a few, and to reduce the detrimental environmental impact that the commuting coming to work in our community often entails. More in-town housing could also help preserve the surrounding countryside so many of us love, and increased housing density will increase the value of infrastructure I rely on, like greenways and buses, and hopefully lead to improvements in its scope and availability.

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SALLIE SHUPING	RUSSELL	we need more affordable housing but can't leave it all to the private market to provide if we hope to maintain the character of our town.
Valencia	Thompson	
Debra	Vestal	
John	Neville	Affordable housing makes communities more diverse and inclusive!
Mark	Peifer	I live, work (UNC), worship (University Presbyterian) and shop in our community. To make our community just and workable, we need a range of housing options. I strongly support an Affordable Housing Bod
Maggie	West	
Jackie	Jenks	Every night, a growing number of our neighbors - adults as well as children - sleep outside and in spaces not meant for human habitation because there is no housing they can afford with their income. Many of these neighbors have lived in our community their whole lives, became homeless due to the rising cost of rents and homeownership, and are disproportionately people of color. We cannot claim to be a progressive and equitable community and not treat the current housing crisis aggressively and urgently. We need you, our leaders, to be bold and to act now. People's lives depend on it.
Ronald	Carnes	
Jayme	Warren	
Brice	Lawrence	
Kathleen	Kearns	
Kris	Garvin	<p>Providing affordable housing builds a workforce of individuals that can live in the community they serve. People who work in their own communities are more likely to know what issues are up and are interested in the growth and harmony of their environment among many other day to day causes and conditions arising for people in neighborhoods and downtown streets.</p> <p>qqThis no affordable housing issue has broken the hopeful aspirations of many willing and talented people from staying in places that need them and places they want to live and work in. This crisis needs to be dealt with. It is toxic and in dire need of sorting out for the love of community and the children who need a place to live and grow healthy and learn from a steadier foundation.</p> <p>I urge the Chapel Hill Town Council to issue a \$50 million affordable housing bond on the fall 2024 election ballot and to increase annual funding for affordable housing!</p> <p>First Name* Kris</p>
Emil	Malizia	The need is overwhelming
Art	Eccleston	It's the righteous and moral thing to do. We're all one human family.
Carolyn	White	
Scott	Windham	So that teachers, nurses, and first responders can afford to live in town.
Rachel	Dixon	Chapel Hill is a wonderful place to live, but the increase in the cost of living is making that extremely difficult. I lived here since 2019. Due to increases in rental prices, I am having to look at renting in Durham, to feel comfortable that my salary (\$50K) can support my basic needs. I would prefer to stay in Chapel Hill, but most of the complexes in the area are charging \$1,500-\$1,700 minimum in rent for a decent 1 bedroom apartment in a nice community. It would be great if the town could provide more support or financial resources to residents so they don't feel overwhelmed by the increases and can stay in the community.
Poe	Khaing	

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Brieann	Mendez	To fulfill a growing need in Chapel Hill.
Donna	Skillman	We are driving away essential hourly workers by not having affordable housing
Nancy	Milio	
Nancy	Duffner	It is embarrassing and downright shameful that so many folks who work here can't afford to live here. This is an opportunity to move beyond being a nominal progressive community.
Karen	Stewart	
Suzanne	Miller	It's so important
Tim	Hubbard	We can learn from other fast growing communities and not make the same mistakes re affordable housing. Deal with it now, sooner than later, if we want a diverse, vibrant, and healthy community.
Jess	Pusch	
Janet	Flowers	I personally know people who are struggling to find housing that they can afford in this community. I would like to see an inclusive community with a diversity in its membership.
Sharon	Kolman	This allows more people who work and support this community to be able to afford to live here.
John	Ring	
Mary Jean	Seyda	Affordable housing supports a vibrant community for all community members.
Michael	Eshleman	I have benefitted from affordable housing, and Chapel Hill deserves to be an affordable place for people who work here.
Carlisle	Walters	People who work in Chapel Hill should have affordable options for living here.
Laura	Henderson	We become a more vibrant, healthy community when we lift everyone up and don't leave people behind.
Sharon	Hanson	If you work in Chapel Hill you should be able to live in Chapel Hill!!!!
Marjorie	Soforenko	
		It's a moral, ethical and responsible approach to ensure that middle and low income workers can reside in the community that they serve. I believe this as a Christian and as a supporter of democracy in America.
Tomee	Howard	
Trevor	Robinson	You shouldn't have to earn 6 figures to afford a home in Chapel Hill.
Shanell	Smaw	
		My wife and I are "housing" 2 hard-working individuals who simply cannot afford available housing in Chapel Hill. They both feel very unwanted and desperate to live within their means, but our town has nothing to offer. I know of several other families that are doing the same thing and are retired as are we. Our property taxes, which are difficult enough for us to pay, should NOT be used to support construction of luxury accommodations!
William	Chicurel	
Gordon	Merklein	There are very limited affordable homes in Chapel Hill, and we need to support affordable housing groups in building more supply.
Tiffany	Englert	I want our kids teachers and staff of their school community to be able to afford to live here since they work here!
Alyn	Valdivia	

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Joan	Rose	As a board member of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County and Community Home Trust, I personally support efforts to help address the gap in affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families who work in our community but can't afford to live here. While the nonprofit sector is doing what it can to meet the need, we collectively need public and private sector support to implement effective strategies and policies.
Sinia	Mejia	I am tired of living in a room. I am a 38 yr old disabled woman with an emotional support animal and I live in a room .. my income is 1500\$ a month and I really need section8.. My dream is one day to be able to have my own apartment I can afford.
Justine	Buzzell	
Eddie	Burgard	
James	McNeely	It is more important now than ever to have affordable housing so that workers in spaces such as housekeeping , hospitality, public school teachers and even police and firefighters to be able to live where they work.
RaeShawn	Norwood	People should be able to live where they work and in the communities that they contribute to daily. Generations of families with deep ties to the Chapel Hill community are being forced out because of the lack of affordability.
Bill	Rohe	Providing more affordable housing is essential for Chapel Hill residents who pay an inordinate price for their shelter, which leaves very little for other essential needs such as health care and food. I don't want to see Chapel Hill turn into an exclusive community only inhabited by the rich with everyone else commuting in from surrounding communities.
Angie	Baxter	I love this community and wish my last breath will be taken here! However, as a full time student striving for my first college degree, nearing 60 years of age, a 15 yr breast cancer survivor, affordable housing will be my only hope to achieve home ownership.
Kathy	Atwater	
Erika	Walker	
Suzy	Lawrence	Orange County and our towns are in desperate need of more affordable housing. Support a bond for affordable housing in the fall election.
Lisa	Powell	The lower class and poor population is growing more and more. We can't afford to turn a blind eye to this problem but we need solutions. Creating affordable housing is a good start. I support this cause 100%.
nidia	salazar	
Ronald	Carnes	I've been directly and indirectly involved in Orange county, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro politics since 2017. On numerous occasions I've always been proud to soap box for our Townships politicians and community workers. We all understand how negative the effects of Homelessness can be to all of us. I propose we unite and get behind this initiative to nip this problem in the bud. I have witnessed what we can accomplish, once we decide to fix a problem. Homelessness is another problem;..... we can fix!
Nikita	Zaretsky	
Joseph	Adams	
Jane	Hathaway	As Director of The Furniture Project of Orange County for the last 12 years, I have been helping the very people that are affected by the lack of affordable housing. We have supplies over 900 children sleeping on floors with beds and 1250 families who are struggling to keep themselves and their families out of homelessness due to the high cost of living. We have seen it all, what Chapel Hill has to offer these people, including trailers that are covered in black mold, stairs falling apart, floods after floods which means the residents have lost everything, families sleeping and living in empty apartments because of the excessive cost of renting, even a major chef in one of the upper scale restaurants sleeping on the floor. Those in the shelters that have jobs and vouchers but wait 1 to 3 years before they can locate something somewhat affordable. To educate the public, we have been presenting Poverty Simulations at ST. Thomas More Church to expose the huge needs of this community. And the public that attend are shocked at the high rate of poverty that exists here. It is time to stop hiding from the facts and start resolving the lack of affordable housing. If all those folks left the area, Chapel Hill would have to shut down.

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Keith	Baldwin	diversity in citizenry provides for stability in community
Rachel	T Levy	
Eric	Bredesen	It helps level the house buying experience for workers in the service industries.
Priya	Sreenivasan	
Joann	Shirer-Mitchell	I'm a proud homeowner though Habitat for Humanity affordable housing program. The Town, Habitat, Empowerment and other programs as analyzed the greater need for affordable housing. Chapel Hill is an expensive place to life and the main reason to include a Bond on the ballot.
Zachary	Hedrick	
Laine	Staton	My department is the one that process all the applications for affordable homeownership in Orange County. We see over 500 applicants each year, which is heart breaking because we are currently only building ~20 homes a year. We see applicants who work for Aramark who serve food to college students. We see applications from children of families who helped build Chapel Hill who can no longer afford to live in the area where they grew up. Affordable housing is facing a true crisis right now and we need support from our elected officials.
Margaret	Mack	
Khalilah	Johnson	
Jerrie	Blacklin	
Jerrie	BLACKLIN	There is a need for independent living facilities for the disabled seniors and low income families.
Marika	Schoolar	
Grace	Johnston	
Ryan	Lavalley	
Michael	Zuber	
Roman	Pendzich	I have a child with disabilities that will need affordable housing
Eric	Levin	People of all needs need long term community living options.
Blanca	Gonzalez	Please prioritize housing bond for 2024 by adding this item to the Council meeting agenda on Wednesday, March 6
SHANE	SMITH	
Helen	Riddle	A community in which some are priced out is not truly a community.
Vivian	Olkin	Chapel Hill has become a community of the haves and the have nots in terms of housing. The haves can afford to own their own house, the have nots definitely don't own, but often can't afford to rent in a town where they work. I also like the diversity that comes with good quality rentals at affordable prices. Our town will be better off with socio-economic diversity.
Laura	Branan	Adults with disabilities need affordable housing options in this area!
Chinita	Howard	As a resident that has suffered from homeless in Chapel Hill due to a Rent increase from \$685.mth to \$2,350.00mth... lived in the Woods in my jeep for 3-mths... during Hurricane Matthew...
Lorraine	LaPointe	This is a demographic of our town that may not be heard because of lack of technology, feelings of defeatism, and of realizing that lived experience is what the town leaders need to hear PLEASE write for the proposed bond referendum concerning housing of this most vulnerable population Thank you in advance for your concern in this matter
neil	Bailey	

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Karen	Miles	There are so many couples and single mothers who can't afford to live in the Chapel Hill area or they have to live in public housing or neighborhoods that are not safe. We should make it a priority to provide affordable housing to the citizens of Chapel Hill who need it most.
Ree Ree	Wei	
Shau-hong	Toscano	Too many people couldn't afford to rent nor purchase a home.
McKenzie	Jackson	
Lynn	Abram	
Crystal	Kennedy	To stop homelessness I have been homeless
Rick	Tugwell	
Bonnie	Yankaskas	As price of housing goes up and up, it is harder for those working in supportive roles in Chapel Hill to live in Chapel Hill. Everyone who works in Chapel Hill or Carrboro should be able to afford a place to live here.
Robin	Mullis	As a regular Habitat volunteer, I am committed to helping provide affordable housing. However, Habitat cannot meet all the need. I urge the Town Council to make this a priority as you make decisions about the 2025 budget. We need diversity within the Chapel Hill town limits to enrich the life of our community.
Robin	Segall	We need to provide more affordable housing in Chapel so that all those those people that work or attend school in Chapel Hill have the option to live in Chapel Hill.
Margaret	McGuinn	This is so important! Last year's change to zoning can't do anything to meet the need for affordable housing. We need projects specifically focused on this need!!
Leslie	Andersen	
Bill	Andersen	
James	Yankaskas	We need to help solve the severe shortage of low and middle income housing in our community.
Magda	Silva	
Patricis	Barnes	
Christine	Wesche	
Valerie	Lee	Desperately needed.
Jack	Hartley	
Blanca	Gonzalez	Urgent Need!!!
Holly	Yohn	
Mary	Arnold	Rents and home prices have skyrocketed. The housing that is being built is extremely expensive. People in lower wage jobs and on fixed incomes need housing security.
Brian	Prentice	
Elizabeth	Garfunkel	Having an affordable home has meant the world to me and my kids
LeAngela	Baker	Support the gap and make it more equitable for all
Shay	Tippens	
Darlene	Laws	
Jenny	Quesenberry	People who work in Chapel Hill deserve to have affordable housing near their place of work. Decent 3 bedroom apartments need to have rates below \$1000. There needs to be more mortgage subsidies so that people can afford to buy a home.

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Ti	Harmony	As a beneficiary of affordable housing (a Community Home Trust home owner), my family and I personally know the importance of affordable housing as well as the benefits that accrue to the community that helps provide it. We also know that there is a dire need for housing for those who DON'T make anywhere near the average income or can afford anywhere near the cost of home ownership or rental in Town. This is an important thing to prioritize.
Jeshika	Lamsal	
Christopher	Downs	It's the moral thing to do. This community relies on those making less than 50% AML, but we don't do enough to support them.
Robin	Barrett	
Ansel	Prichard	
Logan	McVey	
Anna	Wu	The community is enriched and connected when it's residents can live and play where they work.
Krissy	Dunn	Safe and stable housing is essential to the health and well-being of families. Too many people cannot afford to live in the communities in which they work.
Anna	Millar	It is heartbreaking when the vital professionals in our community (teachers, some hospital staff, UNC housekeepers) can not afford to live in the communities in which they serve.
Jeni	Klippel	Affordable "workforce" housing in the area is very limited
Monique	Kennedy	
Derek	Clark	Everyone should be able to meet their basic needs. Housing is so crucial to health and it has been allowed to be treated as a commodity instead of a foundational right. I think that needs to change. Why not in Chapel Hill.
Paul	Atherton	I would not be able to afford housing in Chapel Hill if not for the Home Trust
James	Heffernan	Affordable housing allows a child to grow up in a neighborhood and welcoming community. I have seen the difference where children succeed in school with their parents at home to help them while not working 2-3 jobs.
April	BARBER	Everyone deserves a safe place to lay their head
Dow	Williamson	
Maggi	Grace	
Wyndham	Robertson	People who work here should be able to live here
Linda	Lambert	Providing affordable housing will help our community become a sustainable community. We cannot be a strong community without housing opportunities for people of all economic levels.
Barbara	Wildemuth	It's our community's responsibility to plan for and provide housing options for all those that live in the community. The current lack of housing affordable by many who work in our community should be remedied.
Andrea	Vizoso	We are a stronger community when we have housing for all. Our community needs everyone to be safe and secure.
Sarah	Chocron	I am student who has worked and now lives in Northside and this issue runs deep in our communities and this referendum could be so essential to make this now unaffordable place affordable
Nora	Spencer	As Founder/CEO of Hope Renovations, we see the need for affordable housing every day in our work - not just for the low-income seniors we help that are struggling to stay in their homes, but also for the women who come to our training program and cannot afford to live in the community where they want to work. We won't be able to hire the workforce we need if we can't provide them a decent place to live, and we won't be able to keep our neighborhoods intact and protect our most vulnerable if we do not have resources to keep them in their homes as they age.
joel	shaffer	We need housing for people who are low wage earners if we want people to provide these critical jobs
Mary	Kessler	

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Heather	Nash	We are seeing more people living away from chapel Hill and working in chapel Hill. Main reason we have high priced apartments that no way really can afford, unless you are wealthy. The town is trying to displace marginalized and bipoc populations based on fear and not knowing. Get to know your neighbors you will see we all are cool people just all from different backgrounds. Fear only allows hate.
Linda	Ellison	As a Case Manager that helps individuals find housing. It is heartbreaking to see that people who work or gets any type of income can not afford housing. Their income does not meet the requirements.
Jane	Winsor	
Thomas	Fenn	
Matthew	Jenkins	
Victor	Cocowitch	
Susan	Laidlaw	The need for affordable housing in our community is not being met. Please approve the bond issue and allocating property taxes to be able to fund this need and finally provide safe and affordable housing for all.
Joan	Holt	
Jay	Miller	
Matt	Witsil	
Susan	Berendzen	
Ghislaine	Duhamel	The new construction of apartments do not offer rentals that a low income family can afford,.
Kris	Garvin	The need for affordable housing is evident in the current lack of it.
Kate	Milner	
Fred	Stang	
Michael	Sigmund	This is important because it affects who can afford to reside within our community.
Mandy	Monroe	As a teacher, housing security is only possible due to affordable housing program that Community Home Trust makes available. We need more!!!
Samuel	Scarborough	
Louise	Clifford	
Carly	Bailey	
Wanda	Hunter	Working class people once lived in Chapel Hill, but they can no longer afford to. Many people who work here now supporting education, health, public safety and other community-serving institutions cannot afford to live here. In the interest of fairness, equity and diversity we need to address this issue right away.
Aashna	Singh	
Randie	Melton	
Carlisle	Walters	A robust town needs people of all income levels. The people who work in Chapel Hill should be able to live here and contribute to the life of the community.
Jennifer	De La Rosa	We need to be inclusive and the high cost of housing means not everyone can afford to live here.
Betsy	Brinson	

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John	Bell	It is unconscionable that in our country and especially in our community in 2024 there could be so many homeless. While there are many reasons, the primary one is the lack of housing affordable to low income people. The market will not create this, so the public sector must step into the breach.
Elizabeth	Young	I support affordable housing because we are already losing our low wealth community members who cannot pay the increased property taxes due to higher valuations. Rental apartment rates have also skyrocketed. This is not sustainable. I have met many people when canvassing for the OC tax relief program LHA - who work in OC but live outside the county and live as far away as Person County. I could go on but the situation is extreme and an emergency. People who live in their longtime home are being forced out.
Walter	West	We need some significant changes before we can really consider ourselves a just community: something is not right when people born to privilege live in luxurious homes while those not born to privilege cannot afford decent housing.
Gary	Colson	
Jean	Woods	
Jon	Legakes	Keep working people in and near town, keep lower income people in and near town, they keep all of us moving forward with the work and service they provide
Steven	Preissler	I see the deleterious effects of the lack of affordable housing each week. As a homeowner in Chapel Hill I support the minor tax increase proposed.
Phill	Wilson	
Priya	Sreenivasan	
Arthur	Eccleston	We all need to support affordable housing for all!
Halimat	Oloko	
Rhea	Brown	The town is pricing out long term residents and preventing equitable and long term growth!
Caitlin	Flanagan	
Jon	Legakes	Keep working people in town, keep working poor in town, they are desperately needed and vital to everyone in this town regardless of where they fall on the income ladder
Gaylen	Brubaker	Its the right thing to do until we can undo lots of systemic burdens

Yvonne
Cameron

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