



## National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

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### CR&D 2021-2023 Accomplishments

NAHRO's Community Revitalization and Development (CR&D) Committee addresses a broad range of issues related to the economic vitality of cities and the development and conservation of neighborhoods, including administrative, legislative, regulatory, and funding issues of community development programs and operations. The Committee recommends policies to the Board of Governors in support of its primary goal — the achievement of well-planned, socially and economically sound communities.

The Committee works closely with other NAHRO Standing Committees, including the Housing Committee, the International Research and Global Exchange Committee, and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. The Committee ensures that diverse perspectives are included in policy level conversations at NAHRO on topics related to the organization's community development portfolio. The Committee considers a range of perspectives and experiences to determine NAHRO's positions on CR&D issues and engages with individuals and professionals with different viewpoints and backgrounds.

Over the course of the term the Committee worked to identify and engage legal and policy experts on a variety of topics. The Committee met with 16 different organizations focused on community development concerns and were able to engage with those experts to help direct NAHRO policy. During the 2021-2023 term, CR&D met with:

- The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
- LISC
- DreamLive Hope Foundation
- HOPICS
- Pride in Truth
- Mentors Inc.
- Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership
- Root Policy
- Circulate San Diego
- HUD
- Center for Public Enterprise
- Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County
- PRRAC
- Colorado Poverty Law Center
- Larch Lab
- Yampa Valley Housing Agency

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The Committee also leveraged existing strengths to proactively respond to community revitalization and development issues to promote new, innovative, legislation on topics like the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and homelessness. The Committee did this by assisting NAHRO staff communicate to the administration and Congress via comment letters and other policy correspondence to further promote NAHRO policy positions. The Committee provided staff with feedback on 10 letters sent to federal policy makers in DC. The Committee also helped NAHRO staff refine positions on different pieces legislation that would impact community development. Regulations and legislation discussed included:

- Community Reinvestment Act Proposed Rule
- Build America, Buy America Act
- National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) Standards
- Family Self-Sufficiency Final Rule
- Saving Homes from Acquisition by Private Equity Act (SHAPE Act)
- Violence Against Women Act Final Rule
- Build Back Better
- Housing Supply Action Plan
- Section 504 Accessibility Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR)
- Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Proposed Rule

The CR&D Committee also helped increase the number of community development topics considered by NAHRO throughout the course of the 2021-2023 term. Topics included:

- The impact of Notice PIH 2022-14's suspension of replacement TPV replacements for vacant units on development;
- Land use and planning for equitable housing;
- Tax structures;
- LIHTC;
- The Housing Supply Action Plan;
- Populations impacted by the criminal justice system;
- Climate adaptive urbanism;
- State laws – including Colorado Affordable Housing Right of First Refusal bill;
- Local housing initiatives championed by committee members
- Public engagement

The Committee was instrumental in helping NAHRO meet the goals of its 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Most specifically, the Committee helped maintain NAHRO's position as the preeminent organization for the development and implementation of responsible housing and community development policy. The Committee also helped strengthen NAHRO's role as the leading resource in developing the professional expertise and credibility of housing and community development practitioners. Lastly, the Committee helped NAHRO reach and improved its effectiveness by building and reinforcing traditional and non-traditional partnerships. The Committee helped NAHRO reach these goals while maintaining a strong diversity, equity, and inclusion framework lens throughout the term.