



Candidates with whom we met during the 2018 election cycle were genuinely interested in the topic of housing affordability and policy solutions. An asset of our meetings this year was our partners who opened up their properties for tours. Showing candidates these properties illustrated our housing policy priorities in action and demonstrated the need for continued support. 2019 will be a big election year in Virginia with the entire General Assembly on the ballot. We look forward to building on the momentum from the growing national conversation as we prepare to engage candidates on State housing issues.

## CHACE accomplishments in 2018:



**Conducted an online survey** asking housing providers and advocates in all 11 Virginia Congressional Districts to rank federal housing policies by level of importance. We established our 2018 policy priorities based on the 172 responses.



**Coordinated and attended meetings** with 17 candidates/candidate staff for United States Congress (16 House and 1 Senate), 8 of which included tours of affordable housing communities owned or operated by CHACE partners.



**Created 4 issue briefs** about our federal housing policy priorities: HUD budget, homelessness programs and funding, fair housing, and the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. Created 10 district fact sheets and a statewide fact sheet.



**Wrote and shared with candidates a letter** highlighting the importance of stable homes that meet the incomes of their constituents. Nearly 70 organizations throughout the Commonwealth signed-on to the letter.

## CHACE immediate next steps for 2019:



**Identify policy priorities and races** and create fact sheets and issue briefs.



**Track candidate priorities** as they announce candidacy so we can tailor our talking points and connect housing to their particular policy interests.



**Connect** with national organizations and party leaders to help formulate our policy priorities.



**Identify partners** to host housing policy forums throughout the Commonwealth.



**Continue fundraising for public opinion poll** and CHACE staffing.

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