



CHACE

Campaign for Housing and
Civic Engagement



2019
IMPACT
REPORT

2019 was a big election year in Virginia with all members of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate on the ballot. It was heartening to see the issue of housing affordability on the minds of candidates at all levels of government this election season, from candidates for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to select candidates for the Virginia General Assembly. The efforts of housing advocates helped push the issue onto the national stage, where we saw presidential candidates sharing their plans. The conversation about housing affordability is growing, putting CHACE in a good position to continue our work in 2020. 2020 will be an even bigger year, with a presidential election as well as all 11 Virginia congressional seats up for re-election. CHACE looks forward to building on the growing momentum in 2020!

CHACE accomplishments in 2019:



Conducted an online survey asking housing providers and advocates throughout the Commonwealth to rank housing policies by level of importance. We established our 2019 policy priorities based on the 272 responses.



Coordinated meetings with candidates from 10 of our 15 priority races (a total of 12 candidate meetings).



Created 5 issue briefs about our housing policy priorities: Virginia Housing Trust Fund, permanent supportive housing, eviction prevention, Virginia Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and land use. Created 15 district fact sheets to share with candidates in our identified priority districts. This year our district fact sheets included data about housing and race.

CHACE immediate next steps for 2020:



Develop sustainability plan for CHACE by strategizing how VHA can incorporate CHACE into their work.



Share impact report and 2019 materials and next steps with CHACE list and General Assembly members.



Identify list of local partners who might be open to taking the lead on hosting meetings with congressional candidates in 2020.



Find data highlighting the congressional level impact of federal housing resources.

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