



2020 Local Government Candidate Forum on Housing

Thursday, August 27th, 7- 8:30pm via Zoom Webinar format

Our vision for this event is to provide an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their positions on housing. We would especially welcome candidates' positions on new housing production for both affordable and market-rate housing, and associated issues such as density and land use. You can [view our candidate questionnaire here.](#)

This event is open to all candidates for City Council and County Supervisor races in Orange County. Every candidate will have an uninterrupted window of time to speak and introduce themselves. Length of time will be 3-5 minutes depending on the number of candidates. We hope to have the last 15-20 minutes be a discussion with questions from members, which they will type into the Q&A function and will be screened and pitched by a moderator. The general "Chat" function will be used one-way to disseminate candidate websites and websites of organizations / clubs co-hosting this forum with us.

We are interested in building a broad base of co-hosts; organizations whose members are concerned about the housing shortage would find this event of interest. We welcome organizations from across the political spectrum.

About People for Housing OC:

Founded in January 2017, People for Housing is Orange County's non-partisan, grassroots YIMBY organization. We were inspired by the larger YIMBY movement in California and answered the call of leaders at the 2016 SCAG Housing Summit to start a YIMBY organization for OC. We are advocates for both market-rate and affordable housing. We push for legislation and policies that will facilitate production and create more attainable housing. From 2017 through 2019 we operated as a project of Charitable Ventures of OC. In 2020, we joined the YIMBY Action Network, a non-partisan 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

FAQs / Our process:

People for Housing OC and YIMBY Action do not make direct contributions to candidates. We connect candidates to our network of members and allies, who may donate individually. Our value-added is in our network and our volunteers who will support candidates we endorse

through activities such as phone / text banking and social media promotion. (Traditional door knocking may be off the table this campaign season due to COVID-19.)

People for Housing OC will make some endorsements based on the votes of our members. Our endorsement process is limited to our members and is separate from our candidate forum. Members must join on or before July 31st, 2020 to participate in the endorsements vote, which will take place on a date to be determined in September 2020. If you are interested in participating in our endorsements process, [you can become a member of People for Housing OC here](#).