



HOUSING NETWORK
OF RHODE ISLAND



Statement from Melina Lodge, Executive Director of the Housing Network of Rhode Island and Homes RI, on the Passage of the \$120M Housing Bond

Pawtucket, RI – “The overwhelming passage of Question 3 is a huge win for Rhode Island and clearly demonstrates that housing is a top priority for voters. These resources are crucial for building and preserving the affordable homes all Rhode Island communities urgently need. Safe, stable, and affordable housing is fundamental to the health and physical, social and economic well-being of individuals, families, municipalities and our state as a whole. Today’s vote brings us one step closer to ensuring that all Rhode Islanders have a place to call home that they can afford.”

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The Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI) is the state’s membership organization for agencies committed to developing affordable housing and vital communities. Currently composed of 19 community development corporations and affordable housing developers, our members have created thousands of affordable housing units from Westerly to Woonsocket and are leading community revitalization and economic development efforts across our state. Their wide array of activities– including real estate development, financial asset building, housing counseling, resident empowerment, and engagement, and much more– create tangible community change and transform the lives of Rhode Islanders.

HNRI members include: **Church Community Housing Corporation, Crossroads Rhode Island, Foster Forward, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Providence and East Bay, House of Hope Community Development Corporation, Jonnycake Center, NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley, Omni Development Corporation, One Neighborhood Builders, Pawtucket Central Falls Development, Pawtucket Housing Authority, Providence Revolving Fund, Sojourner House, South County Habitat for Humanity, SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) Inc., Valley Affordable Housing Corporation, WARM Center, West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation & Women’s Development Corporation.**

Homes RI is a cross-sector coalition of organizations coordinated by HNRI working together to increase and preserve the supply of safe, healthy and affordable homes throughout Rhode Island. We believe Rhode Island can and should be a state where all residents are able to live in safe, healthy and sustainable homes in thriving communities. Learn more at www.homesri.org