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Florida Policy Project Releases Groundbreaking Reports on Housing Affordability; Proposes Innovative Solutions to Tackle the Crisis

TAMPA, Fla. (June 5, 2023) – The Florida Policy Project (FPP), Florida's leading non-partisan and research-focused organization, is honored to announce the publication of its highly anticipated reports addressing the critical issue of housing affordability. As a catalyst for change, FPP aims to enlighten both the public and Florida lawmakers with data-driven research, offering transformative ideas and best practices in four key areas: housing affordability, criminal justice, insurance, and transportation.

Florida's affordable housing crisis persists, with a staggering 945,687 very low-income households, including hardworking families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, spending over 50% of their incomes on housing. Furthermore, over half of all renters in the state allocate at least 30% of their income toward rent.

In a groundbreaking move, today's release presents a comprehensive outline of housing affordability best practices and innovative concepts tailored specifically for Floridians. In collaboration with the esteemed Florida State University DeVoe Policy Center, these research reports showcase creative ideas that address Florida's housing affordability crisis head-on. The policy recommendations encompass a range of strategies, such as upzoning, form-based codes, lot size reduction, accessory dwelling units, and light touch density. Drawing inspiration from successful initiatives implemented in cities and counties across the United States, the research offers actionable insights for policymakers.

"The housing affordability studies released today outline the why, the ideas, and the best practice solutions. In the coming weeks, in collaboration with legislative leadership and university partners, we will produce strategies to best implement these practices," said former Senator Jeff Brandes and Florida Policy Project Founder.

"While the Live-Local legislation passed this year represents a significant step forward in mitigating the housing shortage, there is still more work to be done," commented Florida State Senator Darryl Rouson. "Recognizing the urgent need for intelligent, data-driven research, former Senator Jeff Brandes, the Founder of the Florida Policy Project, emphasized the role of

these reports in educating the general public and elected officials, empowering them to make informed decisions when voting on crucial legislation.”

The Florida Policy Project encourages all stakeholders to delve into these reports to gain a deeper understanding of the housing affordability crisis and the innovative solutions that can transform Florida's landscape. By working together, policymakers, community leaders, and concerned citizens can create a brighter future where affordable housing is accessible to all.

Click [here](#) to view Florida Policy Project's Reports on Housing Affordability.

About Florida Policy Project

The Florida Policy Project (FPP) is a non-partisan research institute with an overarching mission to positively influence the quality of life for Florida residents and guests. FPP provides education and data-driven research for elected officials and the public in the State of Florida with a focus on housing affordability, criminal justice, insurance, and transportation, delivering public policy's best practices, and leveraging cutting-edge technologies.

FPP is a destination for data-driven research resulting from networking with relevant subject matter experts and industry leaders, capturing established public policy best practices, and leveraging leading-edge technological capabilities.

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