

# NMHC, Industry Groups Form Coalitions on Housing Affordability and Supplier Diversity

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What's that age-old saying about collaboration—two heads are better than one. NMHC put that adage to the test last month as coalition work fueled various industry and advocacy efforts. *From Capitol Hill...* 

In an effort to rekindle a pre-pandemic initiative to collectively put forth housing affordability solutions, NMHC and NAA reconvened the Housing Affordability Coalition, a broad coalition of 20 real estate organizations at the end of February to discuss a wide range of issues. The group also agreed on the need to provide policymakers with innovative solutions to increase the supply of housing. Stay tuned for future action items that will come out of this group.

#### To service provider, supplier and partnership connections...

In concert with 7 CRE associations, NMHC also launched a supplier diversity initiative last month to help members expand their spending with Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MBWEs). The Commercial Real Estate Diverse Supplier (CREDS) Consortium is a first-of-its-kind alliance and continues NMHC's longstanding commitment to DEI. <u>Take</u> <u>advantage of this new resource here</u>.

Coalition building strengthens our ongoing work to support multifamily businesses, our employees and the residents we house.

*Stay tuned for updates on these issues, and more via our social media channels and website. And, of course, we'll see you here next month—same time, same place.* 

#### Your Input Needed

## 2023 Multifamily Energy and Water Survey

NMHC is partnering with Fannie Mae and other real estate organizations to help collect substantive data on energy and water consumption and costs on multifamily properties. And we need your participation to ensure ENERGY STAR® receives enough responses. *Note: This survey is being conducted by Bright Power and sponsored by Fannie Mae. EPA will analyze the data. The information submitted in this survey will be used only to update the ENERGY STAR Score and EPA Water Score for Multifamily Housing to better understand industry practices.* <u>Complete the survey today.</u>

NMHC President Sharon Wilson Géno will testify on behalf of NMHC and NAA in front of the Senate Finance Committee tomorrow and make the case for utilizing certain tax policies to help chip away at our supply shortage and alleviate affordability constraints.
(Click through for the webpage of the hearing.) Members can look for an email from NMHC tomorrow morning with additional details.



# **Industry Topic Updates:**



CWA and WOTUS

### House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Moves to Overturn New WOTUS Rule

NMHC filed a coalition letter of support in this effort and continues to seek legal relief against the



**Consumer Price Index** 

## January CPI Update

Rent of primary residences rose 8.6% from January 2022 to January 2023, a slight increase from the 8.4% seen from December 2021 to December 2022. <u>Read More</u>



#### **Digital Discrimination**

### NMHC Leads Submission of New Industry Comments on Digital Discrimination

NMHC filed comments on behalf of the industry at the FCC on their Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Preventing Digital Discrimination. <u>Read More</u>



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March 13, 2023

Online

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March 29, 2023

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2023 NMHC Research Forum

April 20 - 21, 2023

Miami, FL

2023 NMHC Leadership Forum on DEI

May 8, 2023

Chicago, IL

2023 NMHC Spring Board of Directors Meeting

May 8 - 10, 2023

Chicago, IL

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Wait... There's More to Explore!



New! The Road Ahead: A Conversation on the State of Multifamily with Sharon Wilson Géno

NMHC's new president shares the bright vision for the future of multifamily and what that could mean for solving America's affordable housing crisis. Listen now.



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