



Up for Growth Action stands ready to offer research, policy expertise to guide new White House Council to Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing Development

Pro-housing coalition engages with administration to address the housing crisis

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WASHINGTON, DC – Up for Growth Action will deploy extensive research and policy expertise on housing solutions to assist President Donald Trump’s new White House Council to Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing Development.

Up for Growth Action member, Up for Growth National Coalition Board Chairman, and National Multifamily Housing Council Executive Committee Member, Clyde Holland, joined President Trump as he signed an executive order creating the White House Council to Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing Development on Tuesday.

“As a longtime builder of multifamily housing, I look forward to working with the President and the council to find ways to address the nation’s massive shortage of housing,” Holland said. “This effort aligns perfectly with Up for Growth Action’s mission to improve the quality of life for working families and individuals by promoting more housing close to jobs, efficient transportation, and in high opportunity neighborhoods.”

The White House Council to Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing Development will target artificial barriers to housing at the federal, state and local levels that perpetuate social inequity and exacerbate an affordability crisis. Up for Growth National Coalition’s [Housing Underproduction in the U.S.](#) report found that the U.S. fell 7.3 million homes short of housing need from 2000 - 2015. This chronic undersupply of housing is one reason why 37 million households pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing, and 18 million are paying more than 50 percent.

“The artificial barriers to housing that the White House has highlighted are a big contributor to the complex housing crisis,” said Mike Kingsella, Executive Director of Up for Growth Action. “Eliminating those artificial barriers and increasing funding for affordable housing will go a long way to fix our broken housing ecosystem.”

The president’s announcement is part of a run of positive developments for federal housing policy, following the introduction of the [Yes In My Back Yard Act](#), the [Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act](#), and the [Task Force on the Impact of the Affordable Housing Crisis Act](#).

Up for Growth Action is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)(4) that seeks to improve the quality of life for working families and individuals and create communities that are accessible and affordable for all by promoting policies that enable more housing close to jobs, efficient transportation, and in high opportunity neighborhoods. Up for Growth Action engages in advocacy both at the federal and state levels. Up for Growth National Coalition is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)(3) that delivers independent research and education to inform the national housing conversation.

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