



## 2023 Policy Proposals

*Growing Together CT is a consortium of over 40 organizations dedicated to setting the stage for the state's economic future by expanding housing choices and supply, advancing fair, tenant protection policies, investing in subsidized housing, and financially supporting municipalities addressing the State's need for housing. In 2023, Growing Together CT will work together to:*

- **Create the Housing Growth Fund**
- **Protect Tenants and Invest in Housing Programs**
- **Adopt Fair Share Planning & Zoning**

**(1) Housing Growth Fund:** Across Connecticut, many municipalities are doing the right thing on planning and zoning – making room for affordability at a variety of income levels and contributing to meeting the state's overall housing needs. Connecticut should invest in these areas to ensure that they have the resources to thrive. The Housing Growth Fund will contribute to this by allocating \$50 million to be invested by municipalities that are creating housing to meet their vision for the future.

**(2) Tenant Protections & Housing Program Investments:** As Connecticut's housing crisis has become more acute, including as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, vulnerable tenants are more likely to be subjected to unfair practices. The current environment of soaring costs for housing and building materials has made clear that it is critical for Connecticut to invest more deeply in existing affordable housing programs. Growing Together CT supports a package of proposals to protect tenants and support housing affordability.

**(3) Fair Share Planning & Zoning:** Connecticut is facing a dual housing crisis of unaffordability and segregation that restricts our economic growth and prosperity. Based on an effective model that has generated thousands of units of affordable and market-rate housing in New Jersey, Fair Share Planning & Zoning involves four basic steps to ensure that every municipality in Connecticut can play a role in setting the stage for the housing we need:

- ⇒ Determine how much affordable housing we need over the next 10 years.
- ⇒ Allocate responsibility for a share of the need to each municipality in a fair and customized way.
- ⇒ Create a framework in which municipalities plan to accommodate their "fair share" and support them with technical assistance.
- ⇒ Adopt a set of fair and meaningful incentives and enforcement mechanisms to ensure the system works.

Projected Benefits of Market Rate Housing Created through Fair Share	
Income for CT Residents	\$ 47.3-59.1 Billion
State and Local Tax Revenue	\$ 9.8-12.2 Billion
Jobs (FTEs sustained for 10 years)	63,439-79,299



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