

## WORKFORCE HOUSING

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A recent report entitled “Miami’s Housing Affordability Crisis” notes that our affordable housing challenges are among the worst in the nation. The Workforce Housing Committee looks to promote the enhancement of affordable housing stock, a crucial component of Miami’s growing world-class status. The Committee advocates for important issues, but also works to find creative solutions to the problem.

### MISSION:

The Workforce Housing Committee looks to find solutions to the high-cost and low-availability of housing in Miami-Dade. Partnering with nonprofit organizations, banks and businesses, universities and government, the Committee works to find ways to secure affordable, workforce housing through advocacy and creative problem-solving.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Work with private and public partners to find creative solutions to the Affordable Housing crisis
- Use data to educate Chamber members and the public about the connection between affordable workforce housing in the marketplace and employee performance, talent retention, local business environment performance, and Miami’s overall regional competitiveness
- Advocate and support efforts to make government funds available for Affordable Housing.
- Support up-zoning along transit corridors to allow for density and transportation efficiency

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Workforce Housing Committee is open to all chamber members who have interests or concerns related to workforce housing issues. Members include housing developers, funders, contractors, lenders and government agencies, advocacy groups and concerned citizens.

### LEADERSHIP

The Workforce Housing Committee is led by a Committee Chair and Vice Chair, who are elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Committee Chair is responsible for the effective functioning of the Workforce Housing Committee and ensuring its goals and activities are aligned with the committee’s mission and objectives.

### GOALS 2022-2023

- Host a *Workforce Housing Summit* with participation from key constituencies at all levels (including local, regional, and national participants) to deliver achievable solutions addressing the Miami-Dade County shortage of workforce housing and rental affordability.
- Leverage the Workforce Housing Resource Guide developed by the Committee in 2022 to further understand each resource, increase Chamber participation in each relevant organization, and ensure added allocation of funding for South Florida workforce housing projects.
- Advocate for and identify pathways to increase state Sadowski funds to be made available for South Florida workforce housing projects.

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