

ADAPT'S 2020 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: Cory Booker

My Presidential Housing Platform includes resources and commitments to accessible, affordable, safe, and integrated housing.

Yes NO

My commitment to accessibility in housing includes physical, sensory, chemical and environmental access and accommodations.

YES NO

My proposed annual Budget would include funding adequate to implement Access Across America's recommendation for 1,000 new housing choice vouchers each year across five years, dedicated to people with disabilities escaping institutionalization or at risk of being placed in .

YES NO

I would appoint a Secretary of Housing and Urban Development who has a commitment to promoting accessibility in housing, fair housing rights for people with disabilities, and collaborative work with grassroots organizations to ensure housing programs and initiatives include people with disabilities.

YES NO

I will commit to addressing the critical lack of accessible, affordable, integrated, safe housing by:

When my parents decided to move into a neighborhood in a good school district, no one would sell them a home due to the color of their skin. A group of volunteer lawyers, who had witnessed acts of violence against peaceful voting rights activists on Bloody Sunday, were inspired to help Black families and stepped in to advocate for my family in their journey to homeownership.

Access to safe, affordable housing is a central theme in my life and in my career in politics. Over 20 years ago, I moved to the Central Ward of Newark, NJ, to fight slumlords and help families stay in their homes. When I became mayor, we tackled the affordable housing crisis by doubling the rate of affordable housing production during my tenure, including building more than 300 new homes and apartments for people with disabilities.

We need to work toward a system that provides people with disabilities the freedom to live independently in their homes and in their own communities. Early in my campaign, I rolled out an agenda to ensure every American has access to safe, affordable, and accessible housing. Recognizing that many people with disabilities have low and fixed incomes, my proposal tackles affordability

head-on, capping rental costs at 30 percent of income, up to the neighborhood market rate. To increase the supply of affordable units, my plan would require localities to eliminate restrictive zoning rules--like single-family zoning, height restrictions, and limits on accessory dwelling units--in order to qualify for billions of dollars of federal transportation and housing funding, and fully fund the Housing Trust Fund with \$40 billion each year to build, rehabilitate, and operate rental housing for low-income individuals.

Finally, we must also bring dignity and choice to our system of long-term services and supports. I have released a plan to ensure access to affordable long-term services and support to every American that needs it, and give everyone the choice to live at home. My plan would increase the Medicaid asset and income threshold so that most Americans would qualify, and would require states to offer all types of direct care with no enrollment caps -- institutional, assisted living, center-based adult day services, and home care -- so that individuals can choose the care that meets their particular needs and preferences. We would also recognize the hard work of family caregivers with a tax credit worth up to \$4,000. In the Senate, I am a proud co-sponsor of the *Disability Integration Act*, which would strengthen the Olmstead integration mandate and require that people with disabilities who are in institutions can still benefit from the rights guaranteed under the *Americans with Disabilities Act*.

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