

ADAPT'S 2020 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate Name: Bernie Sanders

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

YES

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

YES

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 institutions.

YES

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

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

When Bernie is in the White House, he will guarantee people with disabilities have safe, accessible, and integrated affordable housing as a right. It is not acceptable that many people with disabilities are spending 50 percent or more of their limited incomes to put a roof over their heads, leaving little money for food, transportation, health care services or medicine. It is not acceptable that many people with disabilities in our country are homeless on any given night. It is not acceptable that people with disabilities face housing discrimination in the year 2019. It is not acceptable that our current system forces people with disabilities to choose between being taken out of their homes and communities or being denied the support they need to survive and thrive. When Bernie is President, he will ensure that every person with a disability has access to home and community based services, and he will guarantee safe, accessible, and integrated affordable housing and end housing discrimination. He will:

- Build affordable, accessible homes to end the shortage of affordable housing.

- Vigorously enforce the Olmstead decision through HUD and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, reversing the Trump Administration's disgraceful rollback of disability rights enforcement. And aggressively defend and promote the legal protections of fair housing, and make sure that no one is denied housing based on disability, race, color, national origin, religion, or gender.
- Expand Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.
- Ensure all housing provided through Section 811 is fully integrated.
- End the institutional bias that forces people with disabilities out of their communities by passing the Disability Integration Act, of which Bernie is proud to be a sponsor, and enacting Medicare for All, guaranteeing home-and community-based services and assistive technologies to all who need them, without waiting lists or asset or income restrictions.

We look forward to working with ADAPT to guarantee accessible, affordable, integrated, safe housing as a human right.

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