

Our Vision

Cultivate a society where every person can live with dignity and enjoy their basic human rights, including the right to affordable, quality, and safe housing.

Our Mission

Fearlessly advance federal, state and local policies to prevent and end homelessness while fiercely defending the rights of all unhoused persons.

Our Values

- Human-centered & people-first
- Collaborative
- Inclusive, diverse, and anti-racist
- Trusted, credible, and rigorous
- Growth-minded
- Empowered and proactive

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champion policies

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We drive and support federal, state, and local policies that will prevent and end homelessness, directed by currently and formerly unhoused persons.

- Develop focused state, federal, and regulatory policy agendas and key priorities in collaboration with coalition partners and with unhoused community members' leadership
- Build intentional relationships with key stakeholders and policy makers
- Transform public narrative around homelessness
- Effectively communicate who we are, what we do, and the impact we have

mobilize coalitions

We build and mobilize robust coalitions of partners.

- Foster trust with unhoused community members and organizers
- Convene and empower crossintersectional coalitions working to eliminate the root causes of mass homelessness and poverty
- Address the structural conditions that will empower current and former unhoused people to lead coalitions
- Provide resources to state and local partners to support their work and increase their impact

fight for rights

We fight for the human and civil rights of all unhoused persons.

- Develop national legal strategy in collaboration with coalition partners
- Establish clear and research-backed processes for deciding when to get involved and what work will have the greatest impact
- Increase our pro bono partners at the federal, state, and local level
- Build intentional relationships with key state and local policy makers
- Train local attorneys and advocates to defend the rights of unhoused persons and communities

evolve internally

We have the right people doing the right work.

- Build staff's and BOD capabilities around our new and re-focused strategic plan
- Develop a staffing model that aligns with our strategic plan
- Secure funding needed to support our strategic plan-aligned staffing model
- Grow our skills at identifying and challenging white supremacy and other forms of structural oppression within our organization and networks
- Continue to cultivate a culture among the organization, staff, board, and partners that promotes authentic inclusion and belonging