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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

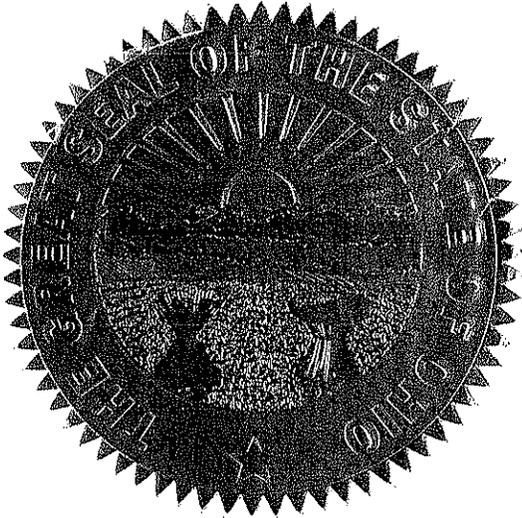
### **Executive Order 2007 -8S**

#### **Establishing the Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing**

1. **The Importance of Affordable Housing.** All Ohioans need and deserve decent, safe, and sanitary housing. Regrettably, a significant number of Ohioans are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless because of the escalating costs of basic needs including healthcare and energy expenses.
2. **Affordable Housing Supports Financial Stability.** Affordable housing enables individuals to participate more effectively in the workforce, to achieve financial stability for themselves and their families, and to contribute to the economic growth of Ohio communities. In addition, safe and secure housing fosters the development and education of Ohio's children.
3. **Establishment of the Interagency Council.** Several state agencies, commissions, and boards have a significant role in developing housing policies and programs to promote affordable housing and to eliminate homelessness, especially chronic homelessness. Coordinating the efforts of these various entities will help to maximize the impact of available state, federal, and local resources. Accordingly, I am ordering the establishment of the Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing (the "Council"). The mission of the Council is to unite key state agencies to formulate policies and programs that address affordable housing issues and the needs of Ohioans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
4. **Council Role.** The Council will be responsible for making recommendations to assist me in devising and implementing a long-term plan to support affordable housing and to end chronic homelessness. The Council will also be responsible for providing me with an annual report detailing the accomplishments and progress of initiatives of the Council in addressing issues associated with homelessness and affordable housing.

5. **Council Composition.** The Council will be comprised of Directors of State departments, agencies, and commissions, or their designees, as well as representatives of service providers who work with Ohioans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- a. Directors of the following state agencies, or their designees, will be permanent members of the Council: Aging; Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services; Commerce; Development; Education; Health; Job and Family Services; Mental Health; Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Rehabilitation and Corrections; and Youth Services. The following State offices will also be represented on the Council: Governor's Offices of Criminal Justice Services, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and Veterans Affairs; Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and Rehabilitation Services Commission.
  - b. The Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the minority leaders of the House and the Senate will each appoint one legislator to serve as a permanent member.
  - c. I will also appoint representatives from at least six (6) service providers, or statewide organizations representing service providers, that work with Ohioans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to serve on the Council. These representatives will serve in a discretionary capacity.
  - d. In addition, I will appoint any other state agency and/or public representatives whose participation may be necessary or useful to accomplish the mission of this Council.
  - e. The Director of the Ohio Department of Development, or his designee, shall serve as Chair of the Council in addition to continuing to carry out his current responsibilities.
  - f. The Ohio Department of Development will provide support staff for the Council.
  - g. The Council shall meet at least twice annually. The Chair of the Council may call additional meetings as needed.
  - h. Members of the Council will not receive compensation for their service to the Council.

6. I signed this Executive Order on April 23, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio and it will expire on my last day as Governor of Ohio unless rescinded before then.



*Ted Strickland*  
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Ted Strickland, Governor

ATTEST:

*Jennifer Brunner*  
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Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State