HUD Document

Pro-Housing Land Use and Zoning Reforms

(April 2023) MS Word Search - Fact Checks and Related

Provided by MHProNews in a report found linked at the bottom of this document.

Using the MS Word search tool in HUD's Office of Policy, Research and Development (HUD PDR) for the phrase "manufactured home" revealed no results. Note that HUD is the primary federal regulator of HUD Code manufactured housing. Note too, as was stated in the MHProNews fact check that the Biden White House housing mentioned the role manufactured housing should play multiple times.

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"Opportunities to Increase Housing Production and Preservation" published by HUD PD&R's Pamela Blumenthal and Regina Gray on 9.7.2021 made the point that for "50 years" - under Democratic and Republican Administrations - politicians would promise serious progress on affordable housing. 5 decades later, there is still a multi-million-unit shortage.

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But not only is that apparently embarrassing to HUD fact missing, so to is a mention of HUD PD&R researchers Pamela Blumenthal and Regina Gray.

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Another oddity is the oversight of any mention of Getting Zoning for Manufactured Housing Right – Working Paper, by Daniel R. Mandelkar. Per the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, which published the document in February 2023, Mandelker is the "Stamper Professor of Law Emeritus Washington University of Saint Louis."

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From the Abstract of Mandelker's working paper the abstract says in part: "Statutes and zoning ordinances should prohibit restrictive design standards for manufactured housing, such as roof pitch and exterior treatment standards, and standards that require customized design treatment that may be difficult for manufactured housing to meet. A support organization is needed that can provide litigation and legislative support to help manufactured housing advocates with zoning reform. Statutory reform proposals for legislative change should be included in local zoning ordinances."

As the document and fact check below reflects, an official from prominent MHI member Clayton Homes was mentioned.

https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/statutes-should-prohibit-restrictive-zoning-standards-formanufactured-homes-says-law-prof-daniel-r-mandelker-org-needed-for-manufactured-housing-advocateslitigation-and/

More on that in the article linked here.

https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/pro-manufactured-home-law-prof-daniel-r-mandelkersays-organization-needed-for-manufactured-housing-advocates-litigation-and-legislative-support-plusmhvilles-sunday-wee/

The Blumenthal and Gray HUD PD&R research article and related analysis are found at this link below.

https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/affordable-housing-conventional-housing-mobile-homemanufactured-home-and-modular-housing-conundrum-what-u-s-department-of-housing-and-urbandevelopment-hud-research-revealed/

These facts ought to matter, given that a prior Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI) chairman and multiple year MHI board member, Tim Williams from Berkshire Hathaway owned 21st Mortgage Corporation aptly said that there is a case to be made that every incorrect fact or report should be questioned and responded to – why doesn't MHI do so to the public?



"There are good arguments that we should respond to every story, refute every statistic, and make our case to the public."

 Tim Williams, President, and CEO of Chairman Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway owned 21st Mortgage Corp.



See the complete report and analysis of the HUD research and MHI response that this document is a download from at this link below.



<u>https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/hud-takes-action-to-highlight-and-research-land-use-</u> zoning-reforms-declares-manufactured-housing-institute-mhi-hud-highlighting-promising-reforms-plusmhville-reits