



Dear Neighbor,

Housing costs in Palm Beach County have risen dramatically, and I've heard from many who have been struggling to pay their rent or mortgage. So I'm sharing some resources that are available for Palm Beach County residents to help get costs down:

- County applications for assistance with rental and utility will open again on August 5<sup>th</sup> [here](#).
- Learn more about state assistance for mortgage payments and other assistance [here](#).
- Information about broadband assistance from the *American Rescue Plan* can be found [here](#).
- There are also many valuable food banks and organizations assisting with food distribution in our community, dial the 211 helpline for more information.

I'm sharing these because there's a story that stuck with me from a local mom who lost her job during COVID-19. Despite her best efforts, she could no longer make ends meet, and had to leave her home—she is now living with a family member in Tennessee. Thankfully, her family is together and safe, but she was heartbroken to have to take her children out of the home they grew up in, the school they knew, and the friends they loved.

Because here's the thing: a home is more than just a roof over your head. It's where you get out of the chaos of the world, where you spend time with your family, and where your kids do their homework. Yet for too many families, housing costs are getting out of reach.

And that's why I was proud to vote for new significant funding in the 2023 budget, including the \$750,000 I requested for the Lake Worth Beach

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to build more affordable housing. These local and national investments are part of the funding bill that [passed the House](#) last week, and is on top of the billions of dollars included to provide affordable housing here in Florida and across the US.

On Monday, I was joined by Lake Worth Beach leaders to talk about how this new funding will be used to address the affordable housing crisis by buying and rehabilitating properties throughout the city to provide new housing options for residents. You can watch our press conference [here](#) to learn more.



We're working hard in Congress to address the issues affecting our families and neighbors the most. If you or a loved one needs assistance, please use the resources above or call my office for more information—we're here to help!

Sincerely,

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