

## Housing Choice Scoping Sessions

### Participant Questionnaire

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1. Describe what you are currently working on in the housing area.
2. Over the past 20 years, how have housing issues in your state changed? What have been the primary forces causing those changes (e.g., demographics, economics, political factors)?
3. How do housing issues differ by region or metropolitan area in your state today? What are the issues (they don't have to be limited to affordable housing). Be as specific as possible.
4. How do you feel federal housing programs, such as Section 8 vouchers or HOPE VI, work in your state or region? What changes might make them work better?
5. Which region or metropolitan area in your state has the strongest need for affordable housing? What is fueling that need? Are there any particular groups that present special affordability challenges in the state, such as the elderly, disabled, or current public housing residents?
6. What barriers exist for affordable housing in your state? What are they? Which ones are at the state level, particularly those that result from statutes? Which ones are at the local level? For example, are there any regulatory barriers that arise from the administration of zoning, subdivision, and building codes and impact fees? Where are barriers most severe?
7. Describe the institutional structures and programs for housing planning and financing at the state level.
8. Of the state-level various institutional structures and programs, which one is most effective in addressing the need for affordable housing? How? How can effectiveness be increased?
9. Of the state-level institutional structures of programs, which one is least effective in addressing the need for affordable housing. Why? Under what conditions could it have been successful?
10. Are there any policy initiatives in your state that have been failures? Why?
11. Of the various local initiatives, or tools (or set of tools) for planning for and financing for affordable housing, which ones have been the most effective? Why?

12. Are there any existing state task forces or commissions that have proposed changes to make the production of affordable housing easier? What were those changes, and have they been implemented? If not, why?
13. If you were on a task force recommending new programs or institutions for affordable housing in your state, what would your three top recommendations be?
14. Is there a need for training programs in the area of affordable housing, including fair housing? If so, what kind, and whom should they be aimed at?
15. Who are the leading advocates for affordable housing in your state? Are they effective? If so, why?
16. Are professional planners in your state viewed as helping to solve problems relating to affordable housing? If they are, how and why? If they are not, what could they do to be viewed as more proactive?
17. What could the American Planning Association do to be more effective in raising awareness about the need to provide for affordable housing?