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NAHRO's 2008 Housing & Community Development Voting Report (March, 2008)

To educate members about housing and community development (HCD) issues, NAHRO produces an HCD Voting Report each year. Through this report and other educational tools, NAHRO's goal is to help members better understand the impact of public policy decision-making, with particular regard to housing and community development programs. Using voting reports and other tools, NAHRO members have successfully jump-started constructive discussions with their members of Congress.

NAHRO's 2008 HCD Voting Report is organized into separate reports for each member's votes relating to: 1) all housing and community development programs, 2) public housing program, 3) Section 8 programs, 4) and Community & Economic Development-related programs. Within each of these four vote categories, each voting report groups votes according to program area (i.e. HOPE VI, CDBG). The numbering system along the left-hand column of each member's voting report, corresponds with a description of each vote in the House or Senate 2008 Voting Report Reference Guides. For each vote, the reference guides provide the name of the program(s) affected by the vote, the date each vote was cast, the name of the bill, bill number and vote number (if applicable), and a description of each vote. At the end of each amendment description is NAHRO's position, as well as the outcome of the vote.

The vast majority of votes recorded on are bill amendments. To a lesser degree, some votes in NAHRO's 2008 HCD Voting Report are on overall bills such as budget resolutions. Budget resolutions encompass many federal programs, unlike amendment votes which tend to be on a discrete program or set of programs. However, they represent one of the most important votes cast each year because they establish funding priorities for the year through limits on total spending and revenues for the Federal government. Congressional appropriations must work within these limits when they write the annual appropriations bills that will provide funding for individual programs such as Public Housing, Section 8, CDBG, HOME, etc.

U.S. House of Representatives - 2008 Voting Report

The House voting report is organized in alphabetical order by state, and within each state, in alphabetical order by congressional representatives' last name. To find out who your Representative(s) is please go to: http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/olm_110.pdf or you can enter your [zip code](#) to find out who is your Representative(s). **The easiest way to locate your member of Congress is to click on the binocular icon on the top toolbar within Adobe Acrobat, and type in the last name of your member of Congress. Taking this step will take you to the page you want quickly. While NAHRO will have hard copies available during the Legislative Conference, members are encouraged to print out copies for your "Hill" visits in Washington, DC.**

For votes relating to **all Housing and Community Development programs**, please go to:
www.nahro.org/conferences/08_hse_vot_allHCD.pdf

For **public housing program**-related votes, please go to:
www.nahro.org/conferences/08_hse_vot_ph.pdf

For **housing, economic and community development programs** votes, please go to:
www.nahro.org/conferences/08_hse_vot_hecd.pdf

For **Section 8 program**-related votes, please go to:
www.nahro.org/conferences/08_hse_vot_sec8.pdf

The accompanying **2008 House Voting Report Guide**, which provides important information on the substance and timing of votes for the House of Representatives, is available at
www.nahro.org/conferences/08_hse_votrptgde.pdf

U.S. Senate - 2008 Voting Report

To find your Senators' voting reports on **all Housing and Community Development programs** (organized in alphabetical order by state, please go to www.nahro.org/conferences/08_sen_votrpt.pdf)

The accompanying **2008 Senate Voting Report Guide**, similar to that provided for members of the House, is available at www.nahro.org/conferences/08_sen_votrptgde.pdf

Additional HCD Votes

NAHRO's 2008 HCD Voting Report is published in March 2007. NAHRO will have additional votes available to be picked up at the Legislative Conference and will post those additional votes following the conference.

If Your Member(s) of Congress are Not Present, or Do Not Have a Recorded Vote

If your Representative(s) or Senator's reports are not present, it is likely that they are serving their first term in office in either the House or Senate, or there have not been any HCD bills or amendments for your member(s) to vote on in the 110 Congress to date. If your member(s) of Congress do not have a vote listed for a particular bill or amendment, it is likely that they were not a member of the applicable Committee or Subcommittee which voted on that measure, or they were not present or did not vote.

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The purpose of the report is to inform the reader how each individual member of Congress voted on particular matters affecting housing and community development, irrespective of the member's party. Indications of NAHRO's support for, or opposition to, a particular measure reflect NAHRO's perception of how the measure impacted the mission of NAHRO agencies to provide decent housing in livable communities that is affordable to persons of lower income. Indications of support or opposition are not evidence of partisan political positions.