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# Building Homes Together

A campaign to strengthen Chittenden County communities

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## What people are saying about Building Homes Together...

### Senator Patrick Leahy

*"We all know that Vermont is a great place to live, but rising housing costs are threatening to price some families out of the communities they call home. I have long believed that building homes first requires building community, and so I am encouraged that Building Homes Together is taking the necessary step to assemble a broad group of partners to address what is one of the most pressing issues facing Vermont. Affordable housing solutions require both innovative and integrative partnerships, and I greatly appreciate the leadership shown by all those involved in this endeavor."*

### Senator Bernie Sanders

*"It is no secret that for many years, wages have not kept up with the rising cost of housing in Northwestern Vermont. Addressing the affordable housing crisis was a top priority when I was mayor of Burlington, and one of my proudest achievements was helping create the Burlington Community Land Trust. Unfortunately, this is not just a local problem, which is why, for the past 15 years I have fought to establish and fund the National Housing Trust Fund, based on Vermont's model. I applaud this new effort to focus attention on the ongoing housing crisis in Northwest Vermont, because decent and affordable housing is truly the foundation of healthy communities."*

### Congressman Peter Welch

*"Seeing all of these various stakeholders come together to solve the significant housing challenges we face is just the latest collaborative effort that makes Vermont such a special place. I look forward to supporting the goals of the Building Homes Together campaign to make our communities more affordable, to improve the regional economy and to demonstrate that we can in fact accomplish big goals when we tackle them together."*

### Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger

*"The high cost of housing in Burlington is a crisis and our largest social challenge. For three decades, Burlington has attempted to solve this problem, and it has made some significant headway with the help of the country's leading housing organizations. Yet housing still remains far more expensive than it should be for the majority of Burlingtonians. We can and will do better. I applaud this new initiative to push Burlington and Chittenden County toward new collaborative solutions, and I commit the City of Burlington's resources to supporting, and encouraging others to support, the goals of the Building Homes Together campaign."*

### South Burlington City Manager Kevin Dorn

*"The City of South Burlington welcomes the opportunity to participate in a regional approach to increasing the supply of housing across all levels of affordability. It is high time for the public and private*

*sectors to share a common vision of meeting the housing needs of all of our residents. In South Burlington we are working to build our own downtown which will feature very high density in a mixed used environment with hundreds of units of new housing. There are other parts of our community where you can see significant housing development today and more is planned for the future. We all must commit ourselves to this effort and the time to begin is today.”*

**Colchester Town Manager Dawn Francis**

*“We are pleased that such a diverse mix of groups, businesses and municipalities are coming together to support the common goal of making housing in Chittenden County more available and affordable to people who want to work and live here. Towns like Colchester will benefit from the economic impact of building housing as well as the energy from the new families who move in.”*

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For more information on *Building Homes Together* and to get a full list of the supporters of the campaign, visit [www.getahome.org/news/building-homes-together](http://www.getahome.org/news/building-homes-together) or contact one of the coordinating organizations:

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