



Housing and Revitalization



Persuaded City Council to:

- Devote \$1.1 million per year to housing demolition.
- Establish the Omaha Land Bank.
- Establish a Vacant Property Registration Ordinance.

Agenda for Change:

- Adopt a city ordinance requiring all rental properties to be registered and periodically inspected to assure they are safe
- Improve housing code enforcement in older neighborhoods

Payday Lending



Helped to:

- Raise awareness about payday lending.
- Secure passage of LB 194 to begin regulating payday lending in Nebraska

Agenda for Change:

- Protect borrowers by limiting fees/interest rates on payday loans.
- Support and publicize alternatives to payday loans

Immigration and Refugees



Worked to:

- Convince State of Nebraska to grant Dreamers the right to apply for driver's and professional licenses
- Push Federal legislators to grant Dreamers a pathway to citizenship and recipients of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) some permanent status in US.

Agenda for Change:

- Adopt comprehensive reform of our immigration system so it benefits our families and the needs of our economy

Environmental Sustainability



Succeeded in:

- Pushing OPPD to generate energy from more sustainable sources
- Prompting Rep. Don Bacon to join the bi-partisan Climate Solutions Caucus in Congress
- Raising sustainability issues at local, state and federal levels.

Agenda for Change:

- Increase generation of energy from sustainable sources.
- Work with City Council to separate yard waste from trash

Healthcare for All



Organized:

- Over 50 volunteer leaders who collected 3,500 signatures to get Medicaid Expansion on the November ballot
- Made presentations in many congregations and community groups about Medicaid Expansion

Agenda for Change:

- Pass the November referendum to expand Medicaid to 90,000 uninsured working people in Nebraska

Mental Health



Worked on:

- Educating Omaha area Senators and City Council about gaps in behavioral health care
- Partnering with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to understand and address gaps in care.

Agenda for Change:

- Improve access to behavioral health care for persons incarcerated in jail or prison and develop supports so people with mental illness are not warehoused in jails.