



All Parks Alliance for Change ■ APAC

An Organization of Manufactured Home Park Residents

BALLOT – APAC Goals for 2023 Legislative Session

Name: _____ Park Name: _____
Address: _____ City, State & Zip _____

Major Campaigns

Definition – A major legislative campaign is one expected to receive strong opposition that will require significant involvement from APAC staff and residents.

Should APAC include the following campaigns in our 2022 Legislative Agenda.

Yes No **Resident Opportunity to Purchase** – Minnesota is one of 19 states with laws that require or encourage park owners to sell their parks to the home owners. However, the state's current law (a "right of first refusal") only applies when a park is being sold for redevelopment. Minnesota should join states like Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island in providing an "opportunity to purchase" that requires park owners to provide notice of any intended sale and consider an offer submitted with the support of a majority of residents.

Yes No **Alternative Dispute Resolution** – Minnesota should establish a system for resolving disputes without having to hire an attorney and go to court. A program can be set up through the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings to provide the option for either mediation or a legal hearing within 30 days of filing without the need for an attorney.

Yes No **Rent Stabilization** – Residents are "captive" tenants. Unlike other renters, they cannot simply move if rents become too high because of the high cost and difficulty in moving a manufactured home. Rent increases should be limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or rate of inflation, unless they can be justified by expenses directly related to operating, maintaining or improving the park. Several states similar policies, including Delaware, New York, Oregon, and Rhode Island. In addition, rent increases should be reduced from twice a year to only once and parks should be required to disclose five years of rent history.

Rank the following possible major campaigns in your preferred order (1 = highest, 2 = middle, 3 = lowest).

- _____ **Resident Opportunity to Purchase**
_____ **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
_____ **Rent Control and Justification**

IMPORTANT: BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 15 TO BE CONSIDERED VALID.