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HUD Seeks Apartment Industry Input on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers

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As previously reported, HUD announced on August 13 that it will seek public comments regarding amendments to its Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulations. Additionally, the Secretary of HUD announced the creation of a task force to encourage the acceptance of housing vouchers among landlords. NMHC/NAA will continue to work with the administration regarding these policies.

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NMHC Insider

RENT CONTROL

[Multifamily Industry Faces Rent Control Battle](#)



Four decades ago, the multifamily industry came together to overturn onerous and destructive rent control policies in 35 states. In a successful partnership, NMHC/NAA took the fight to state capitals across the country and succeeded in rolling back rent control in multiple jurisdictions, largely because policy makers in those states had witnessed the debilitating effects of rent control. Today, for a variety of reasons, rent control is making a comeback, and California is Ground Zero in what is most aptly called an existential

battle for the multifamily industry.

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TAX AND ACCOUNTING

[Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit Bill Introduced by Senator Wyden](#)



In a significant victory for NMHC/NAA, Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) reintroduced legislation to spur the production of multifamily rental homes for America's working families through a Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit (MIHTC).

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FAIR HOUSING

[NMHC/NAA File Comments with HUD Regarding Disparate Impact](#)



NMHC/NAA recently [filed comments](#) with HUD regarding disparate impact. The comments raised concerns about the conflicts between the agency's Final Rule on Disparate Impact and the Supreme Court's decision in [Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities](#).

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TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[NMHC to Hold Webinar About Internet of Things White Paper](#)

NMHC will hold an expert presentation on the recent white paper that explores the Internet of Things (IoT) on Thursday, September 20, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET.



The Internet of Things presents the apartment industry with both opportunities and challenges. While the pace of this technological paradigm shift can be intimidating, apartment firms should know that they need not move forward blindly. They can draw on well-established technical solutions and frameworks from existing fields of cybersecurity and apply them to managing IoT environments.

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LEAD BASED PAINT

[NMHC/NAA Submit Comments Regarding Proposal to Amend Dust Lead Hazard Definition](#)



NMHC/NAA responded to EPA's request for comments on a proposal to amend the definition of dust lead hazards. These definitions guide several regulations administered by EPA and HUD in pre-1978 housing including, notification and disclosure at the time of lease/sale of a property, repair and renovation activities, worker training and clearance testing.

In addition, the current federally established lead dust hazard standards have been adopted in

state and local regulations in many areas.

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Upcoming Meetings

[2018 NMHC Fall Meeting](#)

September 12 - 14 at the InterContinental at the Wharf in Washington, D.C.

[2018 NMHC Student Housing Conference & Exposition](#)

October 3 - 5 at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa in Huntington Beach, CA

NMHC PAC

[NMHC PAC Gears Up for NMHC Fall Meeting](#)

You don't want to miss the upcoming [NMHC Fall Board Meeting](#) in Washington, D.C., September 12-14. The meeting provides an unparalleled opportunity to hear from an outstanding line up of Capitol Hill and Administration lawmakers. What's more, those who have supported the PAC throughout the year will be thanked and recognized.

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Hill Watch

[U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources: Hearing: Business Meeting to Consider Pending Nominations](#)

[Hearing: Examine Implementation of Clean Water Act Section 401 and S. 3303, the Water Quality Certification Improvement Act of 2018](#)

Media Roundup

[Ben Carson on rolling back Obama-era housing rules](#)

Fox Business

[Are You Ready for the Next Storm?](#)

Multi-Housing News

[Ben Carson bets that Uncle Sam can lean on cities and towns to allow more housing](#)

Washington Examiner

The Scoop

Secretary Carson and Secretary Chao to Speak at NMHC's Fall Meeting

Make plans now to **attend NMHC's Fall Meeting September 12-14 at the InterContinental Hotel at The Wharf in Washington, D.C.** The Fall Meeting is a great opportunity to connect with peers and engage with top-ranking Congressional and Administration leaders.

Dr. Ben Carson, Secretary of HUD, and Elaine Chao, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, are among the many industry experts and policy makers that are set to speak at this year's meeting. For more information regarding this year's 2018 Fall Meeting agenda, please visit our [meetings page](#).

In addition, there will be a number of other outstanding Capitol Hill and Administration Speakers. To date, we have confirmed the following speakers:

- Dr. Ben Carson, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Elaine Chao, Secretary of the Department of Transportation
- Senator John Thune (R-SD)
- Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Gary Cohn, former Director of the National Economic Council
- General Michael Hayden, former Director of the CIA and NSA
- Senator Todd Young (R-IN)
- Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)
- Ways and Means Ranking Member, Richard Neal (D-MA)
- Representative Denny Heck (D-WA)
- Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chairs, Congressman Tom Reed (R-NY) and Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
- Pete Aguilar (D-CA)

Registration has opened for this year's fall meeting, and if you wish to register, please [click here](#).

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