

Expanding the Housing Choice Voucher Program: Why and How

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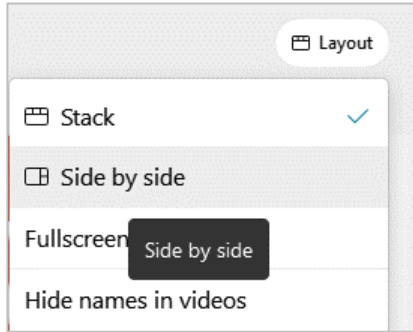
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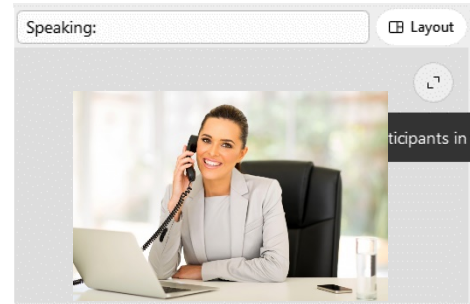


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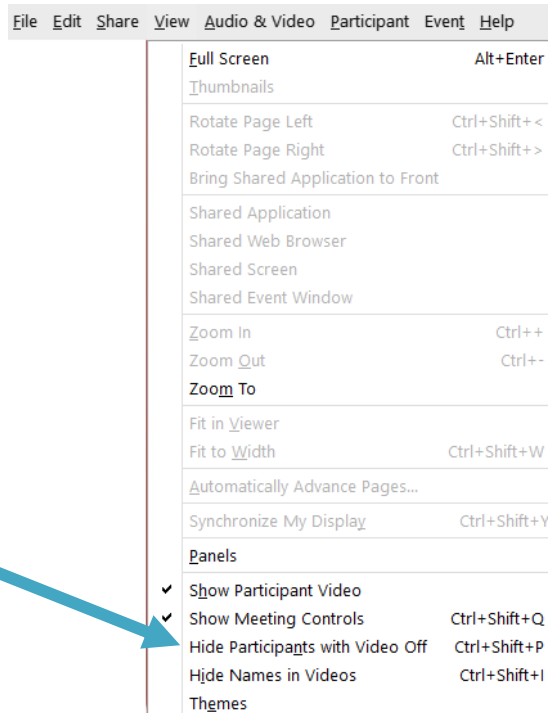
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Topics for Panel and Participants



- **Reasons** for expanding
- **Feasibility** of expanding
- **Changes** to the program

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What is the HCV Program?



- **Time-tested** program
- **Flexible** way of providing affordable housing to the lowest-income renters
- Prevents and ends **homelessness**
- Helps **overcome** racial inequities in housing

Why are we Discussing HCV Today?



- **Numbers are inadequate** - Since the early 2000s, grew only from 2 to 2.2 million households
- Need at least **twice that many** vouchers to meet the need for impoverished renters
- The **Biden Administration** is considering how to expand the program

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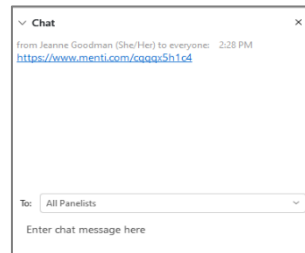
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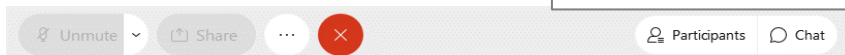
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Reasons to Expand the HCV Program



- Prevent homelessness
- Alleviate poverty
- Provide a platform for improving health
- Offer a platform for improving self-sufficiency
- Improve racial equity



Poll results

Feasibility of Expanding the HCV Program



- How **willing** are PHAs to take on substantial increments of vouchers?
- How **fast** can PHAs currently administering the program staff up?
- **What else** will PHAs need to do?
- Can more **states** administer the program?

Program Changes or Enhancements



- **Payment standards** that better reflect housing markets?
- An **allocation formula** tied to current needs?
- Additional **administrative fee** or more flexible use?
- More funding for **landlord incentives** and **mobility services**?
- Changes to the **income limit**?
- A national **source of income** law?

Next Steps



- Where is the **Biden Administration** on voucher expansion?
- What can **attendees** do to make their views known?

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