

## RHA 2020 POLICY AGENDA

### AIR QUALITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Pass the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)
2. Prioritize remaining Volkswagen Settlement funding exclusively towards electrification, not reinforcing fossil fuel investment
3. Ensure Chicago Transit Authority is set on a long term path to achieve and all electric bus fleet by 2030
4. Work to ensure Chicago uses electricity from 100% clean renewable sources in all buildings by 2035
5. Adopt California Car Standards in Illinois
6. Focus and spend available existing state resources on transportation electrification
  - a. Sharpen focus on formulating a State capital EV infrastructure spending plan
  - b. Reallocate Illinois Alternative Fuels Act funding stream to fund electric vehicles (EV) transitions
7. Pass a strong Chicago EV-ready parking ordinance for new large buildings.
8. Advocate for Gov. Pritzker to issue an executive order to require the state agencies under his control to buy zero-emission vehicles if they are available for uses the state requires.

### Asthma Management

1. Increase funding for asthma management programs (including school-based asthma education training and community health worker services) to \$1 million.
2. Secure funding to provide undesignated stock albuterol to all Illinois schools.

3. Secure a State resolution declaring May 'Asthma Awareness Month

## **COPD**

1. Reinstate the respiratory health module consistently as part of the Illinois Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey.
2. Add the caregiving module to the Illinois BRFSS survey.

## **Tobacco Control**

### **Policy Recommendations**

1. Ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products including mint and menthol.
2. Add E-cigarettes to Illinois' smoke-free law.
3. Encourage increased compliance checks of tobacco and e-cigarette retailers by local and state enforcement agencies.
4. Allow all home-rule communities to tax all tobacco products.
5. Implement use of high-tech tax stamps for all cigarettes sold in Illinois
6. Implement and defend the Illinois Smoke-Free Act (AKA Illinois Indoor Clean Air Act)
7. Increase tobacco funding for local health departments
8. Increase and diversify tobacco prevention spending
9. Secure funding for smoking cessation and vaping prevention.