



# What Happens to a Vision?

## The William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act



The Sadowski/Workforce Housing Coalition hosted a press conference and Housing Rally to emphasize the importance of spending housing trust fund money on housing.



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**T**he passage of the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act in 1992 is a perfect example of government making the right choice at the right time. Among the earliest state housing trust funds in the country, the Act set a high bar for other states to replicate. As a consequence,

it is particularly disturbing to think, that even in critically troubling times, the State of Florida would now fail to honor its own stellar vision for providing housing security and opportunity to the people of Florida.

The Sadowski Act established a clever and unique structure by building a state housing trust fund that addresses fundamental issues within the housing market while

simultaneously giving cities and counties the opportunity to address their own unique housing needs and support innovative new ideas. This too was new to the housing trust fund world and has now assumed different versions in several states throughout the country.

The rationale at the time the Act was passed was that dedicating revenue from the documentary

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stamp tax to a statewide housing trust fund connected the prosperity of the state to the need to maintain

