



Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

The Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition (VAHC) received its first-ever grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development of \$55,000 in the [2020-2021 grants cycle](#).

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The problem with the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition is that it is actively involved in LGBTQ advocacy and that its executive director is an LGBTQ activist.

On [May 27, 2022](#), VAHC posted this announcement regarding its upcoming segment of "In the House Live," wherein it would be having a "celebration of Pride Month."

IN THE HOUSE LIVE

With Representative Taylor Small

A conversation on housing, pride, and the power of civic engagement

**JUNE 1 AT 5:25 PM
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Wednesday, tune into our segment of "In The House Live" in celebration of Pride Month. We will be speaking to Vermont Representative @taylorsmallvt on housing, pride, and the power of civic engagement. We will be on "Live at 5:25" on @townmeetingtv -- use the link in our bio to watch.
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The [interview was with Vermont state representative](#) Taylor Small, the "first out transgender person to serve in the *Vermont* Legislature." Small is a biological male who pretends to be a female, and throughout the interview, David Martins, the executive director for VAHC, refers to Small as "she" and "her," calling him a "fierce advocate for LGBTQ issues." The interview centers on a myriad of LGBTQ matters, a celebration of "LGBTQ Pride," and even ends with an endorsement of the Vermont ballot initiative to enshrine "abortion rights" in the Vermont state constitution.

IN THE HOUSE LIVE: INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR SMALL



At 4:30 into the interview, Small begins talking about "tenant rights," arguing against the rights of property owners to set moral conditions on the individuals to whom they rent their property. Small claimed that:

"no cause eviction is just a modern day form of discrimination in the housing world. It allows someone to evict someone just because 'it wasn't the right fit.' And how often have we heard that in marginalized communities where 'we're not the right fit' because our identities aren't showing up right, or because they don't agree with our lifestyle or how we're living. I would never want to lose housing over that, especially as a trans-person, I think that comes really clearly."

At 12 minutes into the interview, Martins congratulates Small on his promotion at the LGBTQ center he works at. At 13 minutes, Martins talks about the passage of same-sex "marriage," complaining that there is a sense of apathy afterward, as if "We did it, we're here." As he continues down that vein, he said, "There a lot more we need to do regarding LGBTQ rights." At 14:17 in the interview, Martins and Small revisit the concern they share over "no cause eviction" giving the ability to property owners to refuse housing or end leases to homosexual and transgender couples.

At 18:35, Martins starts talking about Pride Month, saying:

"Shift gears a little bit. This is Pride Month, which we know is about more than just the parties [laughing.]. Pride Month, which recognized the Stonewall Riots, and recognizes all the incredible things that have happened since then. We're talking about the crisis in housing that's

happening right now, but we do have to recognize that we have come a long way since Stonewall, right?

...

Have you seen that docuseries 'When We Rise?' I LOVE it! That whole notion that Clive puts forward that this is 'one struggle-one fight,' and he has that girl who worked in the Women's Center and then that sailor part of the BIPOC community, and we see the roots of all of these different movements all being born out of [unknown]'s office, and I think its just a reminder of that reality that it is 'one struggle, one fight.' "

At the around the 26:30 minute mark, Small talks about "big ticket items that are on the ballot this year ... in the face of Roe v. Wade being overturned on the federal level, we really need to enshrine reproductive liberties in our state constitution and the Reproductive Liberty amendment will also be on the ballot in November."

To this, Martins iterates the fact that if this passes on the ballot initiative, the governor cannot veto it, and it will be adopted into the state constitution. He follows this up with, "So, it's up to us! ... it's up to Vermonters, so go online, register ... and get out and vote," giving his approval of the initiative.

As a reminder, this all happened on an official video program of VAHC, hosted by the executive director of VAHC, meaning that VAHC has formally participated in abortion and LGBTQ advocacy.

In [July of 2021](#), VAHC posted a survey being conducted by "The Fair Housing Project," asking if individuals had been "denied access to housing, etc" due to, among other things, sexual orientation/gender identity." The implication here is that homeowners shouldn't have the right to determine whether or not they wish to allow their property to be used by individuals engaging in public, gravely immoral and scandalous activities. This is a direct attack on the rights of property owners to determine how their property is to be used and by whom.



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Are you a Vermont resident? Have you ever been denied access to housing or been treated differently in your apartment search or home purchase, financing or other transactions because of your race, skin color, disability, national origin, religion, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation/gender identity, or because you have children, receive public assistance (like Section 8 or other vouchers), or have experienced abuse, sexual assault, or stalking?

The Fair Housing Project at CVOEO wants to hear from you! Please spare few minutes to answer this confidential survey. It is available in English, Nepali, Arabic, Spanish and French online and you can download a printable English version at <https://www.cvoeo.org/fhp-survey>.

Many people experience illegal housing discrimination, exclusion, and harassment but only a small percentage of these instances are reported. The Fair Housing Project of CVOEO and the Vermont Human Rights Commission are collecting data on the prevalence of housing discrimination in Vermont. The results will be used to design better strategies to ensure fair and equitable housing choice for everyone.

Thank you in advance for your feedback and taking the time to complete the survey!



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In July of 2020, [VAHC published an action alert](#) to "Help Stop HUD's Proposed Rule to Allow Discrimination Against Transgender People." The proposed rule was based on religious freedom measures, which would protect institutions like Catholic homeless shelters.



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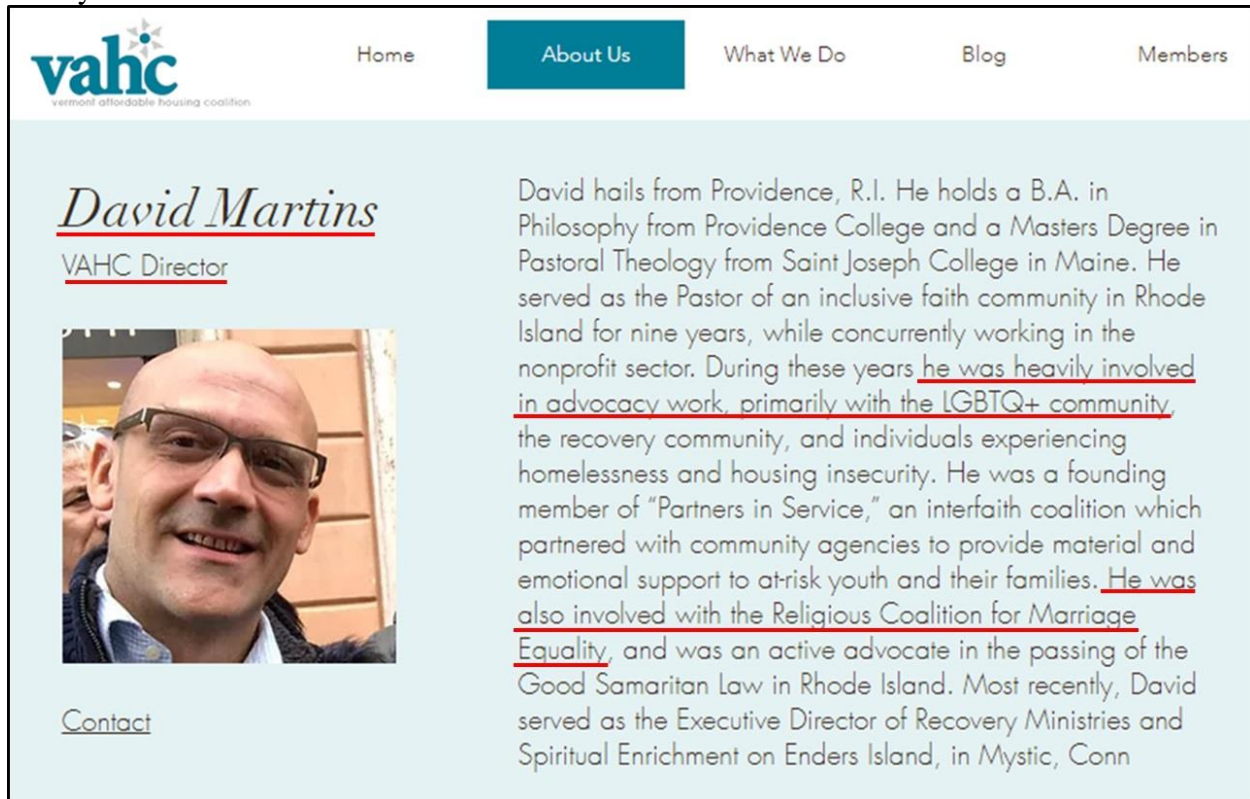
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Help Stop HUD's Proposed Rule to Allow Discrimination Against Transgender People Experiencing Homelessness

HUD published today a proposed rule change that would remove protections against discrimination of transgender and gender non-conforming people experiencing homelessness, severely limiting their ability to access emergency shelters and services. The proposed rule is the latest in a series of attacks by the Trump administration against the LGBTQ+ community. Take action and help stop this harmful proposal by submitting comments in opposition by **September 22**. Tell the Trump administration and HUD that everyone has the right to access homeless shelters and other emergency services paid for with taxpayer dollars. Access to shelter and housing is a fundamental necessity—no one should be left in the street because of bigotry.

None of this is surprising, considering VAHC's executive director David Martins is a long-time

LGBTQ activist, recognized as such in his [bio on the VAHC website](#). The bio even acknowledges his work with the "Religious Coalition for Marriage Equality," advocacy he has clearly taken with him into VAHC.



The screenshot shows the VAHC website's 'About Us' page. At the top left is the VAHC logo with the tagline 'vermont affordable housing coalition'. Navigation links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'What We Do', 'Blog', and 'Members' are visible. The main content area features a profile for David Martins, VAHC Director. It includes a photo of him, a 'Contact' link, and a detailed biography. The biography text is as follows:

David hails from Providence, R.I. He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Providence College and a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology from Saint Joseph College in Maine. He served as the Pastor of an inclusive faith community in Rhode Island for nine years, while concurrently working in the nonprofit sector. During these years he was heavily involved in advocacy work, primarily with the LGBTQ+ community, the recovery community, and individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. He was a founding member of "Partners in Service," an interfaith coalition which partnered with community agencies to provide material and emotional support to at-risk youth and their families. He was also involved with the Religious Coalition for Marriage Equality, and was an active advocate in the passing of the Good Samaritan Law in Rhode Island. Most recently, David served as the Executive Director of Recovery Ministries and Spiritual Enrichment on Enders Island, in Mystic, Conn

David Martins is a "priest" of the Old Catholic Church, a heretical sect that formally separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 1850s over matters pertaining to papal primacy and infallibility. In this video from 2011, Martins bullhorns Providence College with false teaching regarding sodomy in promotion of same-sex "marriage."

[embedyt] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuGheSEnr1s>[/embedyt]

On [June 2 of 2022](#), he posted this image saying, "Happy Pride Month!"



Conclusion

VAHC is being run by a homosexual activist who has used the organization to promote an LGBTQ agenda. In addition to this, he formally used his position in a video interview format to help advance the LGBTQ agenda and give a plug for a ballot initiative to enshrine Roe in the Vermont state constitution. Because of this, VAHC is in clear violation of Catholic moral teaching and should never have received a CCHD grant.