

## Invitation to Participate

Thank you for your interest in participating in Neha's written dialogue!

On March 7th, 2024, we, Sylvia Maracle, Marie Pascaline Menono, and Pamela Glode-Desrochers, were named as members of the review panel, known as Neha, that will examine **the right to safe, adequate and affordable housing of women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people, and the government's duty to uphold this right.**

Neha means "our ways" in Kanien'kehà:ka-Mohawk. It describes a way of life that is open, peaceful, supportive and healing. As such, Neha will be a space where all people can share their stories and work together towards solutions. We will offer an inclusive dialogue for you and everyone to participate and share about adequate housing, a fundamental human right in Canada for all. The human right to adequate housing asserts that all people have the equal right to live in dignity in a safe, adequate, affordable, and secure home, and that each person is entitled to have access to housing that satisfies their needs. Many women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people face barriers to their human right to adequate housing on the basis of gender, gender identity, Indigenous identity, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, immigration status, socioeconomic status, income, geography, family status, and other intersecting factors.

Neha is an ever-expanding circle (see the circle design on the right), where there is room for everyone to honour their unique stories guided by four foundational elements:

1. **Vision** - refers to the way forward to ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to accessing safe, adequate, affordable housing that meets their needs.
2. **Knowledge** - refers to the wisdom and information that is needed to inform or support this vision.
3. **Reason** - refers to the rationale for pursuing this vision, especially to uphold Canada's commitments to national and international housing and human rights.
4. **Action** - refers to the actions necessary to make this vision a reality.



Thank you for participating in the written dialogue and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Maracle (Chair), Marie Pascaline Menono, Pamela Glode-Desrochers

## INSTRUCTIONS

This form will allow you to share your perspectives with us as a participant of the Neha written dialogue, which will be open until: **March 14th, 2025.**

### Ways to make a submission:

- **You can make a submission online.** Please complete the online form [here](#). Please note that it is not possible to upload attachments using the online form. It is also not possible to save the online form, it must be completed and submitted at one time.
- **You can make a submission by e-mail.** Please download and complete this form. Responses can be made within the freeform text box provided in the form or be included as a separate attachment. Email to: [neha@infc.gc.ca](mailto:neha@infc.gc.ca).
- **You can make a submission by mail.** Please download, print, and complete this form. Responses can be made within the freeform text box provided in the form or as a separate attachment. Mail to: National Housing Council Secretariat, 180 Kent St, 11th floor, Ottawa, ON, K1P 0B6.

### Things to know when making a submission:

- Please make only one submission.
- The Neha panel members encourage participants to focus on sharing their personal perspectives on the topic. Please do not make a submission on behalf of someone else without their permission.

Feel free to contact the National Housing Council Secretariat if you have any questions or require an alternative format of this submission form: [neha@infc.gc.ca](mailto:neha@infc.gc.ca).

## PRIVACY NOTICE

You will be asked to share some personal information in this form such as your name and email address. Please take a moment to review our privacy notice before making your submission.

The Neha written dialogue will collect personal information to communicate with you about Neha and for research purposes:

- Participation in the written dialogue is voluntary and sharing your personal information is not required to participate.
- If you choose to share personal information with us, you will have options to consent to how your personal information may be used.
- Your personal information may be shared with Neha members, National Housing Council Secretariat employees, Government of Canada employees, and other service providers who are assisting with Neha.
- You have the right to correct, access and have your personal information protected.
- You can make a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada over our handling of your personal information.
- Please only include information in your submission that you have permission to share.
- Please do not include personal or confidential information within your submission, such as names, addresses, emails, or any other information that could identify you or anyone else.

For further details on how your personal information will be protected please review our privacy notice: [Neha Written Dialogue Privacy Notice](#)

By making a submission, you agree that you have read, understood, and consent to the privacy notice statement linked above.

## PARTICIPANT CONSENT

Your written submission will form part of the Neha dialogue record. The panel members may publish a dialogue record on the National Housing Council website of all the written submissions of those participants who provide consent to publish. You can choose whether or not to allow us to publish your written submission on the National Housing Council website or to use quotes from your written submission in our final report to the Minister and other public materials such as presentations, website content, etc. If you prefer or require an alternative format to provide consent, please contact the National Housing Council Secretariat: [neha@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:neha@infcc.gc.ca).

\* Fields marked with a red asterisk are mandatory.

### Do you consent to the following:

1. \*To publish your written submission on the National Housing Council website:
  - Yes, I consent to have my written submission published on the National Housing Council website **with my name.**
  - Yes, I consent to have my written submission published on the National Housing Council website **without my name.**
  - No, I do not consent to have my written submission published on the National Housing Council website
2. \*To use quotes from your written submission in the report to the Minister or other public materials, such as presentations or website content?
  - Yes, I consent for quotes from my written submission to be included in public materials **with my name.**
  - Yes, I consent for quotes from my written submission to be included in public materials **without my name.**
  - No, I do not consent for quotes from my written submission to be included in public materials.

## PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

\*Fields marked with a red asterisk are mandatory.

\*First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am making this submission: (select all that apply)

- Based on my own experience of inadequate housing or homelessness
- Based on my work (e.g. service provider, policy maker)
- Based on research
- Based on activism or advocacy
- Other (please indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

If submitting on behalf of an organization, please provide the organization's name:

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Preferred pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Language of preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that translation support for language preferences other than English and French may not be available.

\*Email address where you can be reached:

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If you do not have an email address, please include 'Not applicable.' We will only send updates to this email if you consent below.

Would you like to receive updates on Neha?

- Yes, I agree to receive updates on Neha
- No, I do not agree to receive updates on Neha

Phone Number(s) where you can be reached:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Main) \_\_\_\_\_ (Alternate)

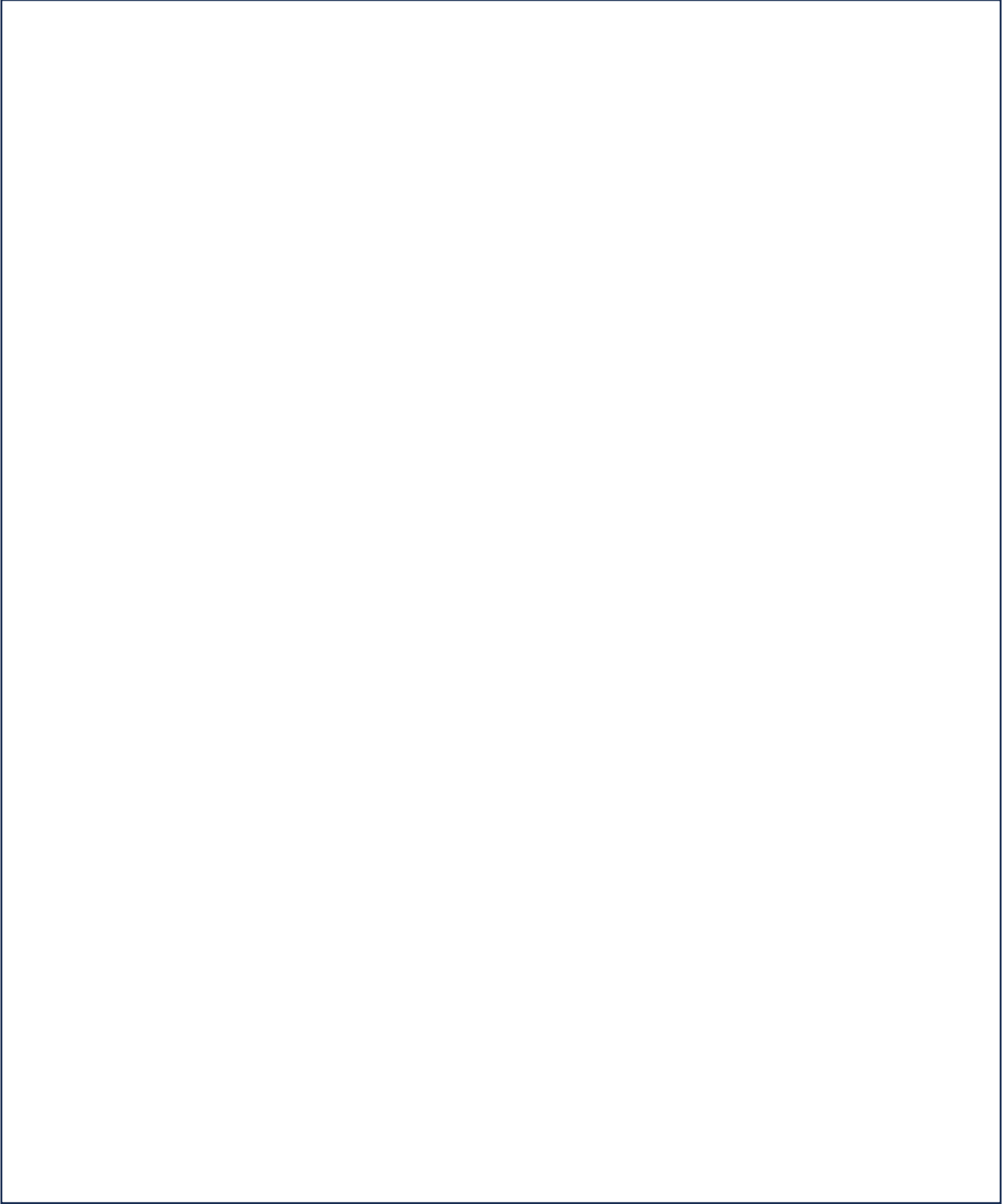
City: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Within this section you can share your perspectives **on the right to safe, adequate and affordable housing of women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people, and the government's duty to uphold this right.**

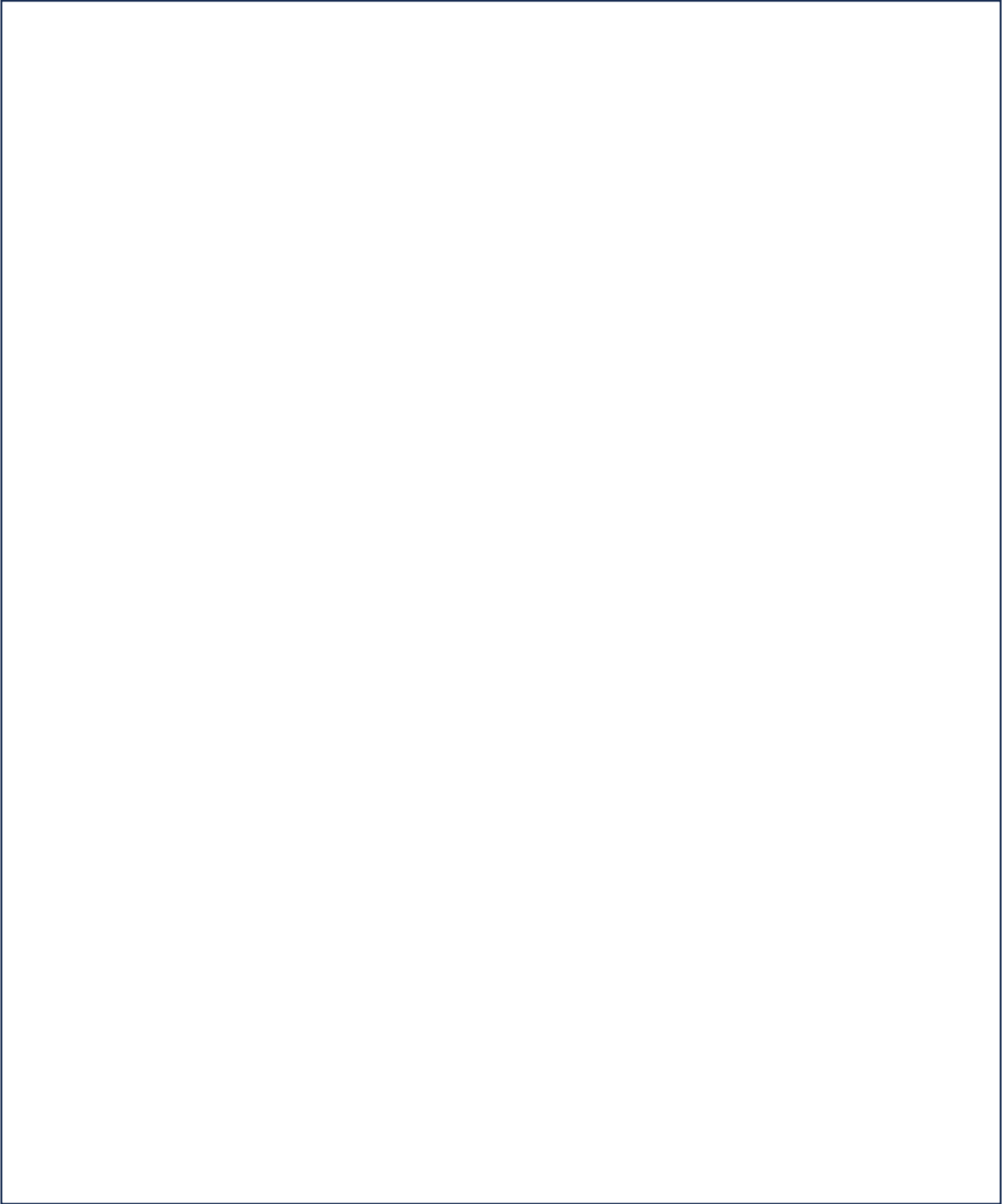
- 1. Vision: What is your vision for safe, adequate, and affordable housing for women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people?** For example, what are your hopes and dreams for yourself, your family, your community, and for future generations? What is your vision for all women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people now and for generations to come?



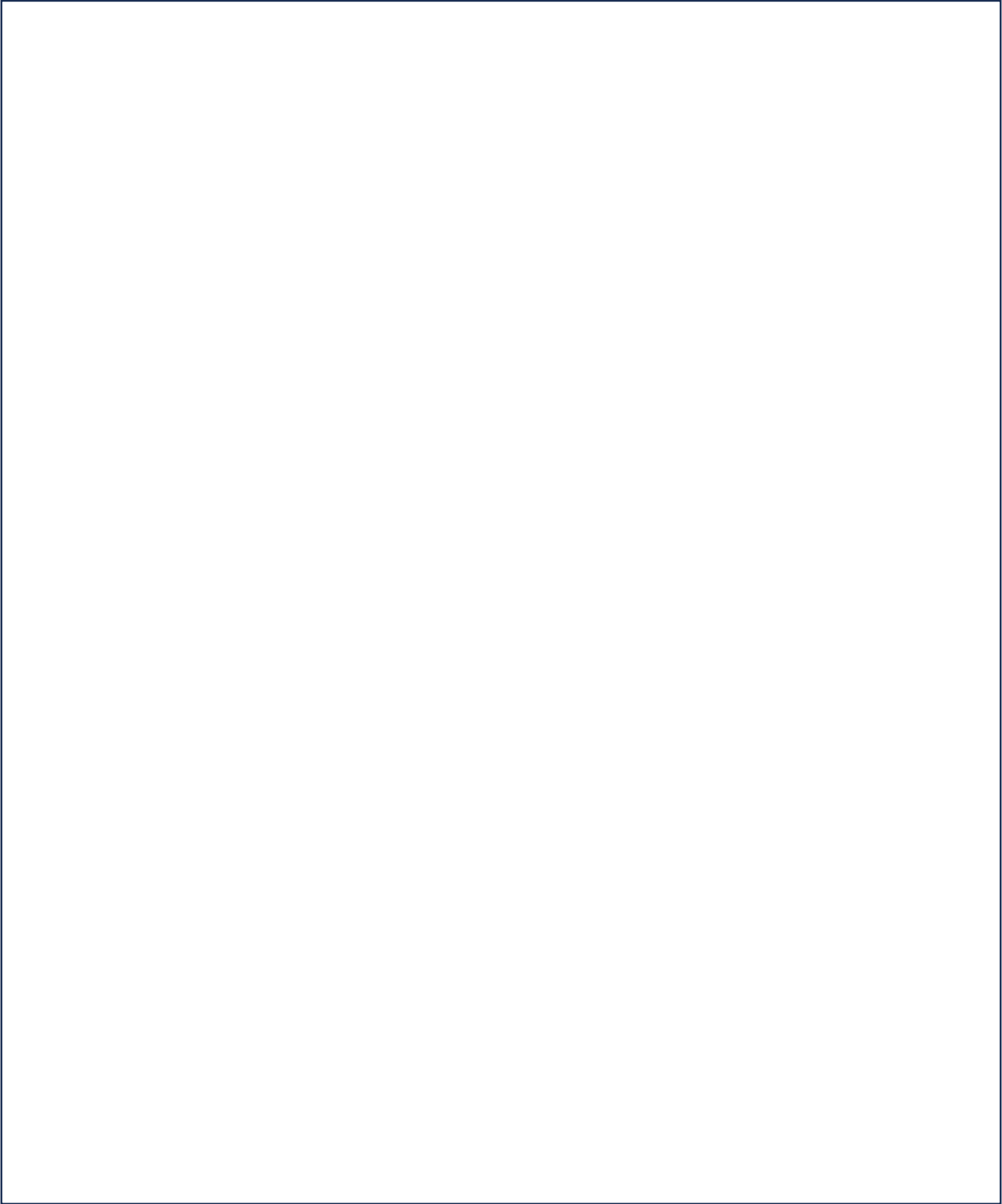


2. **Knowledge: What knowledge can be used to inform or support this vision?** For example, in your experience, what has helped to support you or others in your community to secure safe, adequate and affordable housing? What hasn't helped? Do you have research, reports or other evidence that support your proposed vision?

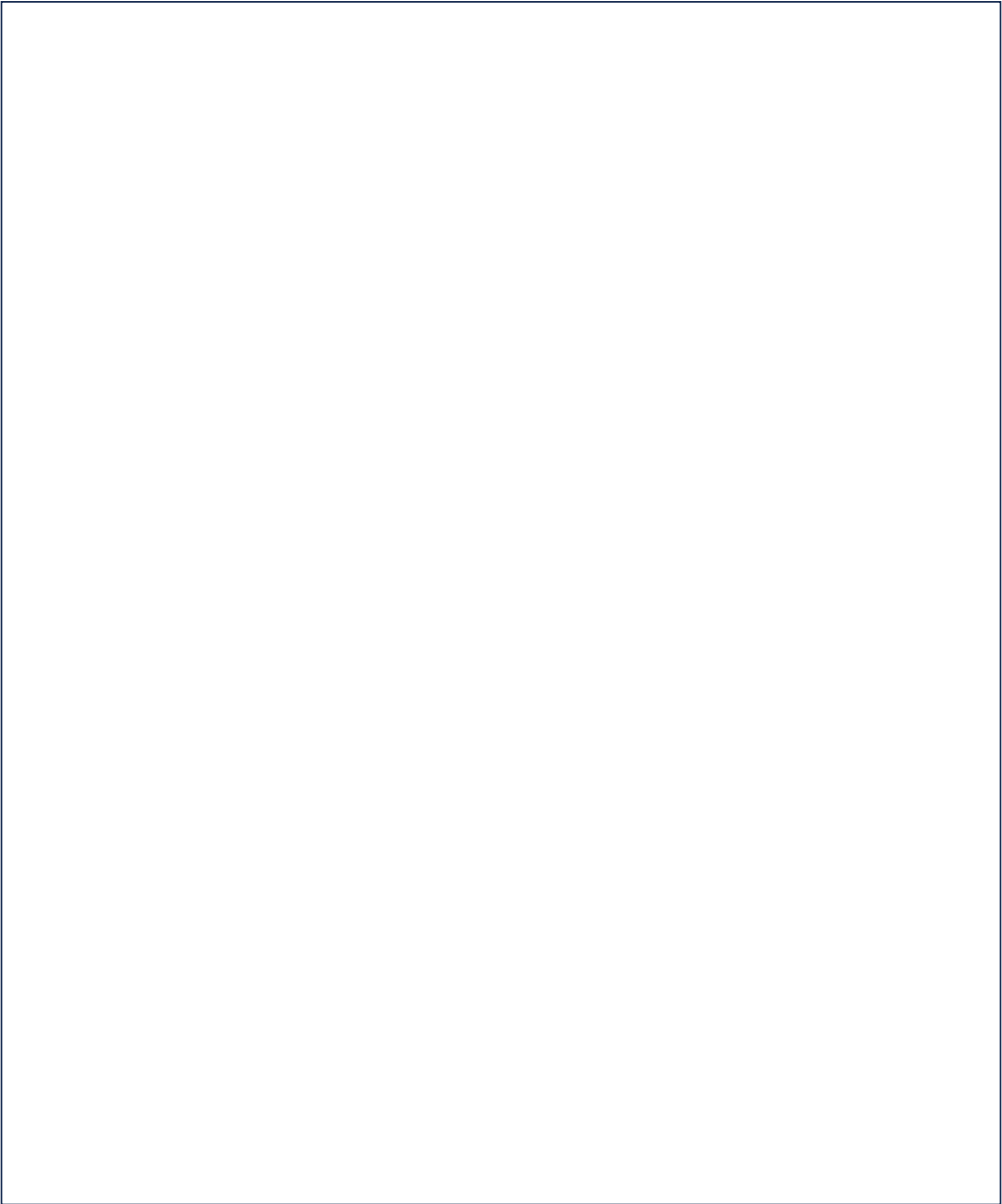




- 3. Reason: Why is this vision important?** For example, what is preventing access to safe, adequate, and affordable housing for women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people? How does this lack of access affect you, your family, and your community? How does it affect all women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people? How would things be different if this vision were realized?



4. **Action: What actions are needed to make this vision a reality?** For example, what actions are needed to make a home for yourself or your family? What can women, Two Spirit, Trans, and gender-diverse people do to claim their right to safe, adequate and affordable housing? What actions should be taken by governments, service providers, and others who have the power to make a difference?



5. **Is there anything else you want us to know about you to understand your comments better?** For example, age, gender, Indigenous identity, race, immigration experience, disabilities, sexual orientation, family status, background, faith, or anything else you wish to share.