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***We're Still Here: Glendale Townhomes 70th Anniversary 1952 - 2022  
Wins 2024 AASLH Award of Excellence***

NASHVILLE, TN—June 2025—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that the **Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition** is the recipient of an Award of Excellence for the ***We're Still Here: Glendale Townhomes 70th Anniversary 1952 - 2022 Exhibit***. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 80th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

In the spring of 2023, Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition launched a traveling outdoor exhibition titled “*We're Still Here: Glendale Townhomes 70th Anniversary: 1952-2022*,” which focused on the history of Glendale Townhomes and debuted at the 70th-anniversary celebration hosted by DG&PHC. Leaders from Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition, Glendale families, and former tenants, developed the exhibit in collaboration with Minnesota Transform. The exhibit was developed in



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collaboration with Minnesota Transform. Glendale residents and leaders developed Co-developed with community members, the project resulted in a traveling exhibition, a companion website, and a documentary featuring interviews with past and present residents of Glendale. Together, these efforts celebrated the resilience and contributions of the Glendale community and their past and current struggle to preserve their history as Section 9 public housing residents.

This year, AASLH confers 54 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203 or go to [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition is a grassroots campaign led by residents who prevented the privatization and demolition of their homes in 2015, making them one of the only communities to do so in Minneapolis. After successfully thwarting the demolition of their homes, DG&PHC expanded their campaign to preserve the rest of the public housing in Minneapolis, including scattered sites and high rises. They aimed to unite all public housing tenants in Minneapolis to organize residents to prevent the privatization of public housing in Minneapolis. Their objective is to ensure zero displacements, eliminate systematic gentrification,



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protect and build more public housing, and minimize the racial and economic inequities in Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

The American Association for State and Local History is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH provides leadership, service, and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all people. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine, and maintains numerous affinity communities and committees serving a broad range of constituents across the historical community. The association also sponsors an annual meeting, regional and national training in-person workshops, and online training.

