### Housing Will

### Lead the Recovery

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### Economic Outlook

2-months, 2-quarters, and 2-years perspective



Housing will lead an economic recovery: 15% of GDP

9 weeks of gains for mortgage purchase applications





Risk of a second wave of virus

Summer slump



Sharp mid-year decline, V-shape recovery for housing



### We Need to Talk about Density...

Strong correlation between population density and virus-related deaths



Trend excludes New York

## GDP Growth – Sharp Recession Rebound builds momentum during 2H20 but risks remain



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and NAHB forecast.

### Good/Bad News: 10% to 11% U-Rate Expected at 2020 End

Duration matters: research indicates spells of 6-months or longer affects consumption



## Fed Funds Rate – Fed All In on Supporting Economy



## **30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage and 10-Year Treasury** *Low interest rates thanks to aggressive Federal Reserve action*



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# Supply-Side Issues





### **Construction Sector Productivity**

Home building/remodeling lost 450,000 jobs in April, gained half back in May



### **Building Material Prices Declined in May 2020**



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Source: NAHB Analysis; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

## Building Materials – Lumber Prices Highest since September 2018



# Construction Outlook





## Household Formation Strong demand for home ownership going into 2020



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC): Housing Vacancies & Homeownership

### Single-Family Starts by Decade: Population Adjusted





Source: Census Bureau and NAHB analysis

## NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) Confidence surged to 58 in June



Single-Family Starts Upward revisions for the 2020 outlook but still a down year



Flat conditions for Dayton 2020 May YTD

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## **47% Single-Family Construction in Low Density Markets** *These areas have outpaced higher density markets over the last four quarters*





Source: NAHB HBGI

### Single-Family Built-for-Rent Construction A window of opportunity



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC)

### Typical New Home Size End of declines ahead?



**Residential Remodeling** *Remodeling will weather the crisis well due to ongoing needs for home improvement* 



Note: In the analysis, 1-year moving average is used for adjusted data to smooth the trend

### Share of Home Buyers Who Want a Home Office



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Source: NAHB's consumer preference study "What Home Buyers Really Want".

### Share of Home Buyers Who Want an Exercise Room



40%

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Source: NAHB's consumer preference study "What Home Buyers Really Want".

## Multifamily Housing Starts Sharp decline and a return to trend



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**Recession Output Gap** *Return to first quarter 2020 GDP total in second quarter 2021* 



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and NAHB forecast.

## Share of Young Adults Living with Parents Almost doubled but was leveling off before 2020 downturn



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## Multifamily Buildings Completed By Units Expect 50+ unit property share to decline



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC).

### Top 20 Markets for Employment Growth



### Share of Labor Force in Vulnerable Industries



### Top 20 Markets for Single-Family Permits Growth



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC)

### New NAHB Home Building Geography Index

8.6% of single-family construction takes place in Large Metro – Outlying County

