

# IL HOUSING BLUEPRINT

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN ILLINOIS

## LISTENING TOUR 2020

As our world changes, our housing needs change too. Agencies, organizations, and residents across Illinois are working together to build a Housing Blueprint to ensure that we understand and can meet the housing needs of communities across our state both now and in the future.

The Blueprint's Listening Tour provides the opportunity to meet and engage with residents statewide. IHDA and other partners working on the Blueprint will be hosting these meetings to discuss and listen to residents' experiences, needs, and hopes surrounding housing in their community. These discussions will help to shape the goals and work of the Housing Blueprint in the years to come.

## WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN TO YOU

## HOUSING COUNSELORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 | 10:00am | Virtual Attendance  
Hosted by Housing Action Illinois

### WebEx Information (Virtual Meeting Option):

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/Blueprint-HAI>

Event Number: 133 770 1699 | Password: IL\_BP\_HCouns | Call-In Number: (312) 535-8110

## MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction to IHDA and your Co-Hosts
- The Housing Blueprint and Illinois' future
- Resident discussion

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

1. What are the strengths of the people and community where you live and/or work? What's a strength that you want others to know more about?
2. Do all residents of my community have access to affordable housing, living wage jobs and the other resources needed to make a good life?
3. What are the housing and other needs of people in my community? What should be done to better meet these needs?
4. How does diversity express itself in my community? What is needed to better support equal access to housing?
5. Do all people in my community have access to fair and accessible lending, quality credit and wealth building products? If not, what barriers need to be addressed to provide access?
6. What do you love best about your community and the people you live and/or work with? In what area do you see the most need for change?
7. What are your hopes for the future of your community and for Illinois? How do we get there?

*In order to ensure the safety of residents in light of COVID-19, we will provide an option for virtual attendance at all of our meetings. The option for in-person attendance will vary by meeting dependent on the needs of our hosts across the state. Please visit [HTTPS://ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG/ATTEND-A-COMMUNITY-MEETING/](https://ilhousingblueprint.org/attend-a-community-meeting/) for login information.*

## MORE ABOUT THE HOUSING BLUEPRINT

The Housing Blueprint is a statewide planning endeavor that will develop a vision for the future of housing in Illinois, and lay out a plan for achieving it. The Blueprint is coordinated by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), however it is a product of the collective participation and collaboration of a wide and diverse group of agencies, organizations, and residents from across the state. Together, these groups have committed to sharing their perspectives, knowledge, and expertise to link to and leverage existing efforts already underway.

The Blueprint also strives to engage and raise the voices of all Illinoisans to understand the realities, needs, and hopes for housing within communities both now and in the future. Repeated on an annual basis, the Housing Blueprint provides an opportunity to reflect on our state's past impacts and achievements, assess opportunities for growth and change, and continually engage residents to be more inclusive of and relevant to the many communities throughout our state. We invite all individuals to take part in the Blueprint's process.

### ELEMENTS OF THE BLUEPRINT:

ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATION

IHDA PROGRAMMATIC ANALYSES

MARKET ANALYSES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### OUTCOMES OF THE BLUEPRINT:

GOAL IDENTIFICATION

WORKING GROUPS

PROGRAMMATIC AND POLICY CHANGE

## MORE ABOUT YOUR CO-HOST

HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS is a statewide coalition that protects and expands the availability of quality, affordable housing throughout Illinois through a variety of programs and services.

Housing Action Illinois helps housing counselors and their agencies build their skills and capacity so they can provide the best housing and housing-related services to renters and homeowners. Our experts coordinate and teach regular workshops for counselors and offer one-on-one support and direct technical assistance to organizations. We want to make sure that agencies throughout Illinois can keep up with changing trends, new technology, and complicated regulations.

We also organize collaborative discussion groups and facilitate the Illinois Housing Counseling Coalition, a statewide coalition that brings agencies together to strategize and share resources. Finally, as an Intermediary, we distribute HUD Housing Counseling Funds and provide infrastructural and administrative support to a network of regional affiliates.



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