

# 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

### SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY REGION MEETING WITH ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

Thursday, November 5, 2020 | 4:00pm | Virtual Attendance Only  
Hosted by Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha of Arab American Family Services

#### WebEx Information (Virtual Meeting Option):

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/Blueprint-AAFS>  
Event Number: 133 170 4346 | Password: IL\_BP\_AAFS | 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 my housing needs? Are they going to be met in the future?
2. What are my hopes for the future of my community? For Illinois?
3. What are the strengths of my community, and what do I want others to know about my home?
4. What are some things that could improve my community life and housing?
5. Do residents of my community face racism as Arabs and Muslims when renting or buying homes?
6. Are all residents of my community able to find safe, quality housing at a price that is affordable to them? If not, what are the barriers/issues?
7. What do you love best about your community?

*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-HOSTS

### ITEDAL SHALABI AND NAREMAN TAHA

CO-FOUNDERS, ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES



Arab American Family Services (AAFS), a nonprofit social service agency founded in 2001, provides caring, compassionate, multilingual assistance to (South Suburban) Chicagoland residents. AAFS offers support in the areas of public benefits, immigration, domestic violence, mental health, and elderly services and sponsors outreach programs to build healthier families and communities. As a locally focused, nonpolitical and nonreligious agency, AAFS works to build bridges of respect and understanding between Arab-American and mainstream-American cultures. By helping local neighbors overcome personal crisis, strengthen their families, and live healthier, more successful lives, AAFS is making a profound and positive impact in our community.

## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### VISIT [ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG](https://ilhousingblueprint.org)

Explore the data, read the findings, and be a part of the entire planning process

### TAKE THE RESIDENT SURVEY

Visit

[ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG/HOUSING-BLUEPRINT-STATEWIDE-RESIDENT-SURVEY](https://ilhousingblueprint.org/housing-blueprint-statewide-resident-survey)

Or use the QR Code:

