

# 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

### EAST ST. LOUIS REGION MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 6:00pm | Virtual Attendance  
Co-Hosted by Dennis Jackson | Executive Director | Mt. Sinai Development Corporation

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

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/Blueprint-MtSinai>  
Event Number: 177 812 7696 | Password: IL\_BP\_MtSinai | Call-In Number: (312) 535-8110

### MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction to IHDA and your Co-Host
- 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. Are all residents of my community being served with stable housing, jobs, and resources?  
If not, what would help?
6. What do you love best about your community?
7. What do you want people to think of when they consider living in Illinois?

*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

**DENNIS JACKSON**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MT. SINAI DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A native of East St. Louis, IL, Dennis Jackson is a both a family man and a man of the Church. Married to the former Aundrea Warren, Dennis is the father of three children, Payton (Age 18), Dennis (Age 24), and Jenae (age 32).

Dennis is also a lifelong member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon. He is the Executive Director of The Sinai Family Life Center and The Mt. Sinai Development Corporation, and serves as the business manager for Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Currently, his major project is the revitalization of the Winstanley neighborhood in East St. Louis, IL. This project is in the 3rd phase of a Master Community Development which will build homes and eventually retail establishments, surrounding Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. This will allow families to live, shop and worship in their neighborhood.

## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### VISIT [ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG](http://ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG)

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

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