

# Valuing Affordability

The Time Has Come

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June 27-29, 2001  
Palmer House Hilton  
Chicago



Housing, like health care and education, is critical for family and community success. Healthy communities need safe, decent, affordable housing so that residents can hold jobs, pursue schooling, and live stable lives. Yet, affordable housing remains conspicuously absent from local and national policy agendas.

To address the myriad housing issues facing the city and region, Chicago Rehab Network, a 25 year-old coalition of affordable housing providers, is convening a three-day conference, June 27th–29th, 2001. Hundreds of advocates, housing developers, activists and elected officials will join us to explore strategies to further affordable housing through: community empowerment, public education, housing set-asides, defining affordability and neighborhood preservation.

Timing for the conference is important given our local election cycles, the state and national legislative agendas, and the culmination of much exciting research and advocacy work. We are fortunate to have momentum on our side. *We hope you'll join us on June 27th-29th to Value Affordability in Illinois.*

Sincerely,

**Joy Aruguete**

*Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.  
Board President,  
Chicago Rehab Network*

**Kevin Jackson**

*Executive Director  
Chicago Rehab Network*

*Special thanks to: The Woods Fund of Chicago,  
and the United States Department of Housing and  
Urban Development.*

# Conference Highlights

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Religious Leaders Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 29th. (*Invitation only*)

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Section 8 Preservation Update and Breakfast, Thursday, June 28th.

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Leadership Luncheon with His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, Thursday, June 28th.

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The Illinois Conference of Women Legislators and the Illinois Black Legislative Caucus will host a reception, Thursday, June 28th.

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CRN Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, June 27th. (*Invitation only*)

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Roundtables exploring a variety of topics.  
Housing Facts Center  
Exhibit Hall

## And much more!

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### *Invited and confirmed guests:*

His Eminence Cardinal Francis George  
Mayor Richard M. Daley  
Office for Peace and Justice,  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D,9)  
Cook County Assessor James Houlihan  
Conference of Women's Legislators  
Illinois Black Legislators Caucus  
Chicago Mutual Housing Network  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Senator William Perterson (R,26)

Heartland Alliance  
Institute for Community Economics  
Lakefront SRO  
Latinos United  
Marion Wright Edelman  
Metropolitan Planning Council  
Neighborhood Capital Budget Group  
Statewide Housing Action Coalition  
Tenants United for Housing  
University of Illinois, Voorhees Center  
Representative Art Turner (D,9)

# June 27 Wednesday

8:00am

## Registration and Continental Breakfast

6th Floor Palmer House

8:30am-9:30am

## Section 8 Update Breakfast

The Section 8 Preservation Collaboration will bring us up to date regarding efforts to preserve this vital affordable housing asset.

9:30am-4:00pm

## Concurrent Skill-Building Workshops

*Renewing Section 8 Contracts*

*Community Land Trusts*

*Asset Management: Managing Your Manager*

*Property Tax Appeals Process*

*New Lead-Based Paint Regulations & Development Costs*

*Providing Social Services with Housing*

*Tax Increment Financing*

*So You Want to Be a Developer?*

4:00pm-5:30pm

## Welcome Reception

5:30pm-7:30pm

## CRN Annual Meeting and Dinner *(invitation only)*

*Exhibit Hall and Housing Facts Center open 12:00pm-5:00pm*

Concurrent caucuses explore cutting edge affordable housing strategies involving community empowerment, community support, neighborhood preservation, housing set-asides and living rents. Sessions on Thursday follow a common outline but are content specific. You are encouraged to attend all four sessions per caucus to maximize learning and outcomes. Please review the tracks and choose the one you would like to attend.

### Community Empowerment 101

Learn how to work with your elected and appointed officials, understand zoning procedures, and get an overview on current efforts to preserve and create affordable housing. Participants will have the opportunity to apply new skills in one of the four caucus areas.

*Who should attend this track?* Neighborhood and resident leaders, organizers, and faith-based leaders who want up-to-date housing information on their neighborhoods.

# Action Caucuses

# June 28 Thursday

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<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b> 6th Floor Palmer House
<b>8:30am-9:30am</b>	<b>Opening Plenary</b>
<b>9:45am-10:45am</b>	<b>Concurrent Caucuses I</b> Affordable Housing Needs
<b>11:00am - 12:00pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Caucuses II</b> Successful Local and National Models
<b>12:00pm- 2:00pm</b>	<b>Leadership Luncheon with His Eminence Cardinal Francis George</b>
<b>2:15pm- 3:30pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Caucuses III</b> Proposed Solutions: Chicago and Beyond
<b>3:45pm-5:45pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Caucuses IV</b> Taking Action
<b>6:00pm- 7:30pm</b>	<b>Legislator's Reception</b>

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*Exhibit Hall and Housing Facts Center open 8:00am-6:00pm*

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## **Building Community Support: Strategies for Affordable Housing Acceptance**

This caucus will lay the groundwork for a powerful public education campaign that will build community support for affordable housing in the region. We'll learn about successful local and national public education strategies, and create core housing messages that work locally and regionally.

*Who should attend this track?* Anyone involved in writing, organizing, or communicating about affordable housing.

## **Preserving Neighborhoods: Property Taxes As An Anti-Displacement Solution**

This caucus will address the immediate need for solutions to displacement and gentrification. Sessions will explore preserving both homeownership and rental living options via tax policy. Based on the Texas and California models, we will establish an action plan for statewide property tax exemption of all nonprofits creating and preserving affordable housing.

*Who should attend this track?* Building owners, developers, policy-makers, and community leaders.

# June 29 Friday

8:00am

## Registration and Continental Breakfast

6th Floor Palmer House

8:00am-9:30am

## Religious Leaders Breakfast *(invitation only)*

How faith based leadership is important to local housing solutions.

10:00am-12:00pm

## Concurrent Roundtables

Strategic discussions about issues critical in the field of community development.

*Predatory Lending*

*Chicago Zoning Rewrite*

*LIHTC Operating Costs: Underwriting Recommendations for Sustainability*

*Project Basing Tenant Vouchers*

*Latest Findings on Gentrification*

*Political Redistricting: What it Means for Housing*

*Statewide Housing Initiatives*

*State of Poverty in Illinois*

12:00pm- 2:00pm

## Lunch and Closing Plenary

3:00pm

## Taste of Chicago

*Exhibit Hall and Housing Facts Center open 8:00am-2:00pm*

### Capturing the Boom: Setting Aside Housing for All

If you are concerned about how to spread the benefits of our real estate boom to all neighborhoods, this caucus is for you.

Participants will look at local and national models for the equitable siting of affordable housing.

*Who should attend this track?* Community developers, advocates, organizers and community leaders.

### Living Rents for Strong Communities

It's getting harder to find and build affordable rental housing in Chicago. Join us as we explore ways to redefine local neighborhood living rents. We will create an action plan to generate resources and policies to sustain affordable rents in our neighborhoods.

*Who should attend this track?* Developers, social service providers, organizers and advocates.

# Registration

## Valuing Affordability June 27th–29th 2001

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First Name/Last Name (as it should appear on badge)

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Title/ Name of Organization

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Street Address

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City/State/Zip

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Telephone/ Fax

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Email/Website

### Registration

Skill Building Workshops on Wednesday, June 27th are \$125. Conference fees for Thursday and Friday range between \$75-\$200 and include breakfast, lunch, general sessions, roundtables, receptions, and entry to exhibits and the Housing Fact Center. Limited scholarships available. Checks should be made payable to Chicago Rehab Network and mailed to Chicago Rehab Network, 53 West Jackson, Suite 739, Chicago, IL 60604. Payment is due with registration. Submit registration by mail or fax (with copy of check), one form per person. Early registration discount is \$25 if received by June 15.

### Registration Fees per person

<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Skill Building Workshops	\$125	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday and Friday	<i>CRN Members</i> \$75	\$
	<i>Nonprofit/Govt</i> \$125	\$
	<i>General Rate</i> \$225	\$
	<i>Total Enclosed</i>	\$

Please charge payment to:  Visa  Amex  Discover

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### Please indicate which workshop and caucus you plan to attend:

#### Wednesday. Skill-Building Workshop

- Community Land Trusts
- Asset Management: Managing Your Manager
- Housing & Social Services
- So You Want to be a Developer?
- Property Tax Appeals Process
- Lead Based Paint Costs
- TIFs
- Renewing the Section 8 Contract

#### Thursday. Choose your Caucus

- Community Empowerment 101
- Building Community Support: Strategies for Affordable Housing Acceptance
- Preserving Neighborhoods: Property Taxes As An Anti-Displacement Solution
- Capturing the Boom: Setting-Aside Housing for All
- Living Rents for Strong Communities

*Please note if you have special dietary restrictions, or accessibility requests:*

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Cancellations and refund requests should be submitted in writing by June 18th. For more information contact Chicago Rehab Network, 312.663.3936, fax 312.663.3562. [www.chicagorehab.org](http://www.chicagorehab.org)

# Schedule At A Glance

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### Location

The Conference will be held at the Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60603. The Palmer House is accessible by CTA and Metra. Parking available in a variety of private lots on Wabash.

Conference Headquarters  
6th Floor Palmer House Hilton

### Hotel Accommodations

Rooms have been reserved for attendees. Contact the Palmer House Hilton directly at 1.800.445.8667. Room charges vary from \$125-\$175 per night. Mention the Valuing Affordability Conference for discounts.

### Additional Information

Limited scholarships available: Olethia Williams, 312.663.3936  
Volunteer opportunities: Hervenia Mitchell, 312.663.3936  
Reserving Exhibit Space: Olethia Williams, 312.663.3936

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Strong and affordable neighborhoods require supportive tax policies to prevent displacement.

Affordable housing is a necessity for a successful city and region, and it benefits all residents and institutions.

Sufficient public resources must be developed to meet real neighborhood needs at living rent levels.

Affordable housing must be included in all real estate development.

Formed in 1977, Chicago Rehab Network, a citywide coalition of nonprofit housing organizations, advocates for affordable housing policies and resources at the local, regional, state and national levels.

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## Chicago Rehab Network Members

Access Living	Community Development Corp.
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Ambassadors For Christ	Housing Resource Center Interfaith
AMPS, Inc.	Organizing Project of Greater Chicago
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Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.	Organization
Center For Neighborhood	Lakefront SRO Corp.
Technology	Latin United Community Housing
Central City Housing Ventures	Association
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Community Control	Organization of the North East
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