



Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

SMALL GROUP CONVERSATION

February 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon

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A Discussion of the February 3 Housing Forum:

TOPIC: What does a less segregated housing world look like and how do we get there?

Panelist Review:

1. Robin Rue Simmons, Alderman with the City of Evanston, IL, examined the City's work in local reparative housing justice, which resulted in the nation's first funded local reparation policy for Black residents to correct housing injustices.
2. Prentiss Dantzler, Assistant Professor at the Urban Studies Institute at Georgia State, discussed his playbook for reimagining and rebuilding a less segregated community.
3. Mike Carnathan with Atlanta Regional Commission provided a sense of the latest metro affordable housing needs and unveiled ARC's new Regional Housing Demand study.

Discussion Instructions:

1. Take a moment to say hello to your fellow participants. **(12:08pm)**
2. Accept a volunteer or nominate a **SCRIBE**.
SCRIBE Instructions: Take the notes of your discussion, save them as a Word document or comparable, and submit via email to liza@kbagroup.com following the meeting.
3. Discuss the questions provided below.
4. After this discussion concludes we will return to the larger room and the **SCRIBE** will be prompted to share your group's highlights with all attendees.

Discussion Guide

Discussion Starter Question: **(12:15pm)**

How has the racial and economic makeup of your neighborhood changed over the past 10 years?

1. ***The City of Evanston's reparations planning process began in June 2019 and in November 2020 a Reparations Fund was created and adopted and committed to utilize tax revenue collected from sales of recreational cannabis to support reparations in Evanston. (<https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/city-council/reparations>) (12:25pm)***

Is something like a Reparations Fund possible in the Atlanta region, and why?



If so, what steps are necessary to make it happen, what sources should be tapped to fund the initiative, and what specific goals should it attempt to accomplish?

Should it be limited to the City of Atlanta?

What metrics should be used to measure the success of a local Reparations Fund?

2. *Dr. Dantzler's work lies at the nexus of urban poverty and inequality, housing policy, race and ethnic relations, and community development practice.*
(12:35pm)

Dr. Dantzler invites communities to determine what is possible in each place and develop local strategies to promote racial equity.

How can your community promote an inclusive, anti-racist housing policy to help neighborhoods overcome racial inequity?

While Dr. Dantzler mentioned that no one housing policy can solve our racial equity problems, he offered many that can help to move the needle. These include:

- Eliminate exclusionary/single-family zoning
- Provide cheap access to capital targeted to historically under-funded groups
- legal title work
- direct restitution enhanced vouchers, enterprise capital, consumer protections, etc. to impacted persons
- community benefit agreements
- tenant protections
- partnership with local banks

Which of these policies should take priority and why?

How should it be decided which policies take priority?

Given the established priorities, what specific aggressive tactics should be used in 2021 in the Atlanta region. That is, what do the first steps look like for us?

12:45pm

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.
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