



Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW: **Securing the Infrastructure for an Affordable, Inclusive Atlanta**

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA

The City of Atlanta is experiencing new investment and development that are transformative. Potential new public investments resulting from MARTA and SPLOST referendums will ensure the City has more growth, new businesses and increasing incomes for many Atlanta residents. But what will be the legacy of this growth and public investment 10 or 20 years in the future? The unintended consequences of development are increasingly regressive and displacing low- and moderate-income families. What will be the impact of these investments ***without*** substantial actions and funds to ensure housing development in the City of Atlanta is available to diverse populations and incomes?

During recent months, housing advocates have worked collaboratively to encourage action on several initiatives and policies aimed at creating and preserving housing affordability in the City. Our September Housing Forum will depart from our usual approach as we will provide the latest updates available in several of these key efforts.

Action Report: *Inclusionary Zoning Policy* –With recent adoption of an ordinance to require development authorities leveraging tax dollars to include affordable set asides, the City is now exploring a larger inclusionary zoning policy. What is the likelihood of passage and what issues remain unresolved? What can we do to encourage this legislation?

Action Report: *TSPLOST/MARTA Referendums* –This November's referendum, if passed, will dramatically impact timing of acquisition and construction for the BeltLine corridor and BeltLine transit projects. How will ABI honor their commitments to housing affordability along the BeltLine?

Action Report: *Housing Coalition* – The City of Atlanta does not have adequate housing today at costs that are consistent with available jobs. Without action that creates dedicated funds for affordable housing development and preservation, this gap will widen. At the June Housing Forum, the establishment of a broad-based coalition was announced. Nearly 100 advocates and organizations have agreed to align to support the adoption of inclusionary housing legislation, the creation of a housing trust fund of \$100 million with a dedicated capital source, and to ensure the long-term stewardship and preservation of affordable housing units.

In addition to above, we look forward to an engaging Q&A session with attendees.

Join us at the next Atlanta Regional Housing Forum Wednesday, September 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA. Free parking is available in the pay lot across the street from the church.

Presenters & Panelists to Be Announced Soon

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