

Advancing Housing Justice

An Urban Institute Summit



DAY 1 ITINERARY

9:00am	Welcome Remarks <i>Room: Anacostia</i>	Rekha Balu <i>Urban Institute</i> Cori Bush <i>United States Congress</i> Kimberlyn Leary <i>Urban Institute</i>
10:30am	Defining Housing Justice <i>Room: Columbia Heights A</i> Several frameworks and definitions of housing justice have been put forward. This session will discuss some of these, as well as next steps in defining and operationalizing housing justice.	Samantha Batko <i>Urban Institute</i> Stephanie Chan <i>Funders Together to End Homelessness</i>
	Housing as a Human Right <i>Room: Brookland</i> International law recognizes “housing as a human right” as ensured access to a safe, secure, habitable, and affordable home. In the US, this right is not fully realized. This session highlights ongoing national and local efforts to establish the legal right to housing here.	Kim Reeder <i>Housing Now! California</i> Eric Tars <i>National Homelessness Law Center</i> Aja Taylor <i>Bread for the City</i> DeBorah Gilbert White <i>National Coalition for the Homeless</i>
	Examining the Implications of Intersectionality Relevant to Housing Justice <i>Room: Columbia Heights B</i> In this session, a panel of community members and researchers will discuss how intersecting identities (e.g. race, gender, sexual orientation, disability) can better be centered by changemakers pursuing housing justice.	Martel Okonji <i>DCT Consulting</i> Cristian-Alexander Perlera <i>East Los Angeles College</i> Suzette Shaw <i>Skid Row from a Woman’s Perspective</i> Terri Tupper <i>Long Island Connections</i>
12:15pm	Narrative Change through Power Building <i>Room: Anacostia</i> This session, opening with a short film, will highlight several narrative change efforts at local and national scales, explore how different storytelling tools shape narrative change, and hear directly from experts about the challenges they face and ground they have been able to gain toward housing justice.	Marisol Bello <i>Housing Narrative Lab</i> Myra Jones-Taylor <i>Urban Institute</i> Trevor Smith <i>BLIS Collective</i>
1:15pm	Housing Justice Close to Home: A Photovoice Project <i>Room: Gallery Space on level PR</i> This gallery features participatory research in which six members of the Housing Justice Community Advisory Board used photography to explore the following question: How do community members see and identify tenets of housing justice exemplified in their everyday lives? Photovoice participants will be present throughout the gallery to discuss their work.	Jason Brown <i>The Center in Hollywood</i> Derika Denell Gibson <i>American Descendants of Slavery Advocacy Foundation</i> Martel Okonji <i>DCT Consulting</i> Cristian-Alexander Perlera <i>East Los Angeles College</i> Suzette Shaw <i>Skid Row from a Woman’s Perspective</i> Terri Tupper <i>Long Island Connections</i>

2:00pm

Measuring Injustice: Approaches from Different Fields

Room: Columbia Heights A

Measuring values is rarely easy, but often worthwhile. Panelists from the worlds of food security, housing, and transportation will discuss the difficulties they face and strategies used in their efforts to measure (in)justice.

Kayleigh Campbell | *Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority*
Regina Cannon | *ARC4Justice*
Stephanie Hopkins | *Arlington County*
Alena Stern | *Urban Institute*

Residential Sorting and Resource Access: Division and Displacement

Room: Brookland

This series of lightning-round presentations will speak to the relationships between changing settlement patterns in Georgia, Louisiana, and California over the past 20 years and racialized realities of resource access.

Luisa Godinez-Puig | *Urban Institute*
Lindiwe Rennert | *Urban Institute*
Sonia Torres-Rodríguez | *Urban Institute*
Nina Yancy | *Author of 'How the Color Line Bends'*

Housing Justice in Homelessness Response Systems

Room: Columbia Heights B

Homelessness response systems, a key way in which people access services and housing, can perpetuate practices associated with housing injustice. Panelists will speak about their experiences and propose improvements to our homelessness response systems.

Jason Brown | *The Center in Hollywood*
DeBoRah Dickerson | *East Harlem El Barrio Community Land Trust*
Ann Oliva | *National Alliance to End Homelessness*
Kim Reeder | *Housing Now! California*

3:15pm

Midafternoon Break

Grab a refreshment and recharge.

3:45pm

Democratizing Research: Meaningfully Engaging People with Lived Experience

Room: Columbia Heights A

Increasingly, researchers and funders of research are building meaningful engagement of people with lived experience into their work. This session will include a discussion of those practices, the lessons learned, and areas of growth that remain.

Tiffany Duvernay-Smith | *Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority*
Elsa Falkenburger | *Urban Institute*
Martel Okonji | *DCT Consulting*
Kara Young Ponder | *University of California, San Francisco*

Emerging Tools to Advance Housing Justice

Room: Brookland

Attendees will be able to preview new and evolving tools available to those working to advance housing justice. Demonstrations of three tools will be made: Disaster Response Tool, the Housing Indicator Tool, and the Emergency Rental Assistance Priority Index.

Courtney Battle | *Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers*
Will Curran-Groome | *Urban Institute*
Taylor Phillips | *Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers*
Andrew Rumbach | *Urban Institute*

Decommodification and Wealth Building: Tensions and Opportunities

Room: Columbia Heights B

After a brief presentation, participants will discuss the tensions between promoting homeownership as a primary means of wealth-building and achieving housing justice. Decommodification will take center stage.

Donovan Harvey | *Urban Institute*
Terrance Laney | *DC Department of Housing and Community Development*
Vaughn Perry | *Douglass Community Land Trust*
Kathryn Reynolds | *Urban Institute*

5:00pm

End of Day Reception

Join us on the rooftop for treats and chats.

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9:00am	<p>Impact toward Housing Justice through Multisector Bridge Building <i>Room: Anacostia</i></p> <p>Housing justice is not an effort or movement that can be undertaken by housing advocates alone. It requires allies from many sectors for which housing has an impact. This session will feature efforts to build multisector national and state-level partnerships.</p>	<p>Hale Crumley <i>Prosperity Indiana</i> Mary Cunningham <i>Urban Institute</i> Sabrina Johnson <i>Natural Resource Defense Council</i> Cynthia Nagendra <i>Just Home Initiative</i> Chantelle Wilkinson <i>National Low Income Housing Coalition</i></p>
10:30am	<p>Improving Places and Spaces: Housing Justice and the Built Environment <i>Room: Columbia Heights A</i></p> <p>This session explores the pathways toward housing justice afforded by placemaking, participatory planning, and focus on the built environment beyond housing.</p> <p>The Role of Philanthropy in Housing Justice <i>Room: Brookland</i></p> <p>How is philanthropy embedding housing justice in their work? How might transformation within philanthropy contribute to making housing justice a reality? This session will focus on these discussion points with funders who have and are continuing to work to align their work with housing justice principles.</p> <p>Scoring the State of Housing Justice: Evaluation Creation <i>Room: Columbia Heights B</i></p> <p>What gets measured gets done. Embracing this reality, Urban is developing a scoring system by which the conditions of housing justice can be assessed for a given municipality. This team will share their process. This session is a charrette in which participants will help the team refine their work, shrinking blind spots and widening perspective. Time to co-design.</p>	<p>Kimberly Burrowes <i>Urban Institute</i> Rob Finn <i>Center for Community Progress</i> Ramon Jacobson <i>LISC Washington DC</i> Mark Treskon <i>Urban Institute</i></p> <p>Stephanie Chan <i>Funders Together to End Homelessness</i> James Crowder <i>Annie E. Casey Foundation</i> Abigail Suarez <i>JPMorgan Chase</i> Akshara Vivekananthan <i>HealthSpark Foundation</i></p> <p>Luisa Godinez-Puig <i>Urban Institute</i> Amanda Hermans <i>Urban Institute</i> Lindiwe Rennert <i>Urban Institute</i> Maureen Sarver <i>Urban Institute</i></p>
12:15pm	<p>Advancing Housing Justice in This Administration <i>Room: Anacostia</i></p> <p>Over lunch, we will hear about the opportunities that exist to advance housing justice at the state, and local levels.</p>	<p>Krystle Okafor <i>Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p>
12:45pm	<p>Continuing the Conversation <i>Room: Anacostia</i></p> <p>The room will be available for an hour and a half to anyone wanting to continue the conversation, synthesize their reflections from the summit's sessions, or network with others working toward housing justice.</p>	<p>Thank you for joining us. We hope you continue to follow Housing Justice work at the Urban Institute and beyond.</p>



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Wellness room

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