



## Updates from CRN

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During September's Single Family Housing Development Workshop, students learned the basics of single family development including assembling a development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing.



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### Empowerment Series Continues in October

Do you want to learn technical skills for affordable development from Chicago's community development leaders? **The Empowerment Series continues October 17-18** with Multi-Family Housing Development taught by Teresa Prim of Prim Lawrence Group and Linda Greene of Lucas Greene Associates. Multifamily housing development will be discussed as one tool for creating community-based affordable housing. The development process, acquisition, sources of financing, development team, and legal issues will all be discussed.

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### About CRN

#### *Who We Are:*

For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable

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### Save the Date: CRN Fall Meeting

CRN's fall meeting will be held the morning of Tuesday, October 22. More details to follow!

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## Angela Hurlock Nominated as Chair of CHA Board of Commissioners



Mayor Lightfoot has nominated Claretian Associates Executive Director and CRN Board Treasurer Angela Hurlock as Chair of the CHA Board of Commissioners. As Executive Director of Claretian Associates, Angela is dedicated to building a sense of family among those who reside within the organization's four housing developments in the South

Chicago neighborhood. Prior to assuming the position of Executive Director, Angela held the position of Senior Director of Real Estate Development for Bethel New Life, a nonprofit serving Chicago's West Side. Read the full press release [here](#). Congratulations, Angela!

Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

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## Save the Date

### **Obama Center CBA Ordinance Webinar**

Join members of the Obama CBA Coalition for a webinar to learn how, if implemented, the ordinance would shape housing for the area surrounding the Obama Center. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:15pm-7:15pm. Learn more and register [here](#).

### **The Renaissance Collaborative's Founders' Day Dinner**

On Thursday, October 10, The Renaissance Collaborative will hold its annual Founders' Day Dinner with the theme "Building Healthy Communities." Seats must be reserved by October 4. Learn more about the event and reserve your spot [here](#).



### **City Seeks Input on 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

The City of Chicago is in the process of developing a new Consolidated Plan that will cover the 2020-2024 period for the use of Federal grant dollars, including funds from the following programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG),
- HOME Investment Partnership grant program (HOME), and
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)

One of the components of the Consolidated planning process is to identify the City of Chicago's needs and priorities for HUD programming. This survey offers residents an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the most critical community needs and assist in the prioritization of funding over the next five years. The survey is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Polish](#), and [Chinese](#). Additional comments can be sent to [OBMGMU@Cityofchicago.org](mailto:OBMGMU@Cityofchicago.org).

The survey is open until Monday, September 30.

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### LIHTC Funding Round Open

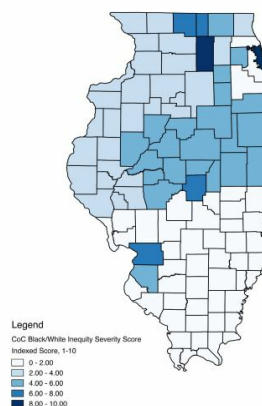
Following the release of the finalized [Qualified Action Plan](#), a LIHTC (Low-Income Housing Trust Fund) funding round is now open through 4:00pm on Friday, October 11, 2019. [Find out more from the Department of Housing.](#)

## In the News

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### Black Illinoisans 8 Times More Likely to Experience Homelessness than White Illinoisans

In the new report *Black and White Disparities in Homelessness*, Housing Action Illinois sheds light on the severity of racial inequity in housing in Illinois. Alarming statistics include the fact that despite making up 14% of the population of the state, Black Illinoisans make up 30% of residents experiencing poverty and 59% of residents experiencing homelessness. The report also lays out recommendations for addressing these disparities. Read the full report [here](#).



From *Black and White Disparities in Homelessness* report.

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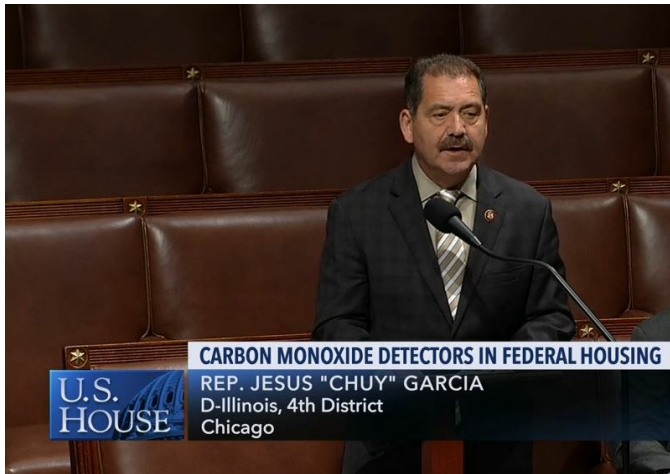
### Condo Deconversion and Fears of Displacement

According to the Chicago Tribune, a little-known real estate investor--with little information available about its executives and properties--has bought over 140 condominiums downtown and on the North Side since November, prompting concerns about residents being forced to move out. Amid a strong rental market, condo deconversions in the city have become more prominent. However, a new ordinance requiring 85% of a building's owners to approve a bulk sale rather than the standard Illinois law of 75% may make such deconversions more difficult. Read the full report [here](#).

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## Carbon Monoxide Detector Legislation Passes House

Earlier this month, the House passed a \$300 million bill requiring carbon monoxide detectors in public housing after more than a dozen residents died from the gas in the last 16 years. Currently, HUD does not require detectors in the properties that it supervises for more than 4.6 million families; the bill, which has Illinois Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García as its lead sponsor, seeks to change this. Read the full article [here](#) and see Rep. García's speech [here](#).



## Affordable Housing and Gun Violence

In a piece for Crain's, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation Executive Director Richard Townsell discusses the underlying issues that affect community safety and violence. He notes that a call to simply increase law enforcement measures fails to address the root causes of insecurity in neighborhoods, including the lack of safe, secure, and affordable housing:

"It completely misses the underlying reality of much of the south and west sides: generational poverty, cyclical disinvestment, propping up 'leaders' acceptable to the foundation and political establishment, and manic swings of heavy-handed over-policing and detached and indifferent under-policing."

Read the full article [here](#).