Valuing Affordability
The Time Has Come

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Chicago Rehab Network

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And much more!

*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.
June 28 Thursday

8:00am  Registration and Continental Breakfast  
6th Floor Palmer House

8:30am-9:30am  Opening Plenary

9:45am-10:45am  Concurrent Caucuses I  
Affordable Housing Needs

11:00am - 12:00pm  Concurrent Caucuses II  
Successful Local and National Models

12:00pm- 2:00pm  Leadership Luncheon with His Eminence Cardinal Francis George

2:15pm- 3:30pm  Concurrent Caucuses III  
Proposed Solutions: Chicago and Beyond

3:45pm-5:45pm  Concurrent Caucuses IV  
Taking Action

6:00pm- 7:30pm  Legislator’s Reception

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

**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

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**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

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

Title/ Name of Organization

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone/ Fax

Email/Website

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.

Please indicate which workshop and caucus you plan to attend:

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

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
## 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: O lethia Williams, 312.663.3936
Volunteer opportunities: Hervenia Mitchell, 312.663.3936
Reserving Exhibit Space: O lethia Williams, 312.663.3936

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Valuing Affordability
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.

Chicago Rehab Network Members

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