October Update: News and Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

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CRN's Upcoming Empowerment Series Training: Multifamily Development

Executive director of IHDA Audra Hamernik visiting our most recent training on single family development.

It is not too late to sign up for upcoming Community Development and Empowerment Series classes - Multifamily Family Housing Development, Construction Management, and Property Management. Whether you are interested in learning the fundamentals of property development or brushing up on your knowledge of fair housing practices, CRN’s
Empowerment series offers a wealth of information and skill building tools from leaders in the Illinois affordable housing community. From new property managers to seasoned community advocates, Empowerment Series classes have something to offer anyone interested in strengthening neighborhoods through development without displacement.

Our next class will take place Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 with instructors Teresa Prim of Prim Lawrence Group, and Linda Greene of Lucas Greene Associates sharing their insights and expertise regarding Multifamily Development and delving into the nuts and bolts of getting units built. The process of developing multifamily housing will be discussed both in terms of the technical skills involved, and in terms of maximizing production to meet community needs. Assembling the development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing will be examined in detail, with participants benefiting from hands-on practice and the resources offered by CRN and the instruction team. For more information, and to register for this or other classes, click here.

RESCHEDULED Department of Planning and Development 2017 Q2 Progress Report

Mark Your Calendar for:

Chicago City Council Committee on Housing and Real Estate Quarterly Hearing featuring CRN's 2017-Q2 Housing Analysis

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
10:00 a.m. | City Hall Room 201A

Reconvening from 9/25 meeting at which DPD report was postponed (official notice here).

Featuring policy updates and a discussion of the status of affordable developments.

You can find the Committee's 10/10 agenda here, the City Department of Planning and Development's 2nd Quarter 2017 Housing Production Report here, and CRN's analysis of the report here.
Save the Date: CRN Fall Members' Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2017
8:30 a.m. | Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Meeting

More details to follow.

ARO Updates

On Monday, September 25 the Committee on Housing & Real Estate debated the passage of two pieces of legislation that would increase affordability requirements for the City's current Affordable Requirements Ordinance (ARO). The ordinance would target the Milwaukee Corridor Pilot area and the Near North/Near West Pilot area as two parts of the city most at risk of continued displacement through gentrification. Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., one of the ordinance’s sponsors along with Alderman Joe Moreno, noted that the ordinance will be a compromise between a variety of opinions and stakeholders; this was reflected as community activists, non-profits, developers, and residents all gave their input on the proposed legislation. The most common concerns expressed regarding the ARO pilot were the limited geographic areas they covered and the lack of family-sized units they would create. After several hours of testimony, questions, and occasional debate, the ordinance passed through the Committee; the Near North/Near West Pilot will go before the Committee again on October 10 (agenda) for more amendments and both will go before the full City Council on Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more about the the October 11 meeting on the City Clerk's website and read the agenda here.
For more information about affordability requirements and inclusionary zoning both in Chicago and nationally, see Chicago attorney Richard Klawiter's article discussing development incentives and fund reallocation or Next City's article comparing affordable housing programs in different cities.

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**Lathrop Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Please join Related Midwest, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Heartland Housing, The Chicago Housing Authority, City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development and Illinois Housing Development Authority to celebrate the Lathrop Groundbreaking Ceremony.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 1:30 P.M.

The Great Lawn | Enter at the corner of Leavitt and Clybourn

Parking available on Leavitt

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RSVP to Kelly King at kking@relatedmidwest.com

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**CRN on CAN TV**

On September 28, CRN had the opportunity to visit Chicago Newsroom on local channel CAN
TV to talk about affordable housing in the city of Chicago. You can watch the entire broadcast of executive director Kevin Jackson sitting down with Ken Davis to discuss the recent proposals to change the ARO on YouTube.

Cook County Land Bank Authority Announces Request for Renovation Proposals

The Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) announces a Request for Proposals from qualified contractors to provide HOME RENOVATION services for a house located in the City of Chicago. CCLBA expects the winning applicant to complete the renovation by November 30th, 2017.

**Release Date**: Monday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM CST  
**Pre-Bidders Meeting**: Friday, October 6th at 10:00 AM CST  
**Open House Evaluations**: Tuesday, October 10th at 2:00 PM; Wednesday, October 11th at 10:00 AM  
**Submission Deadline**: Monday, October 16th at 5:00 PM CST

Incomplete proposals will not be considered, although they may be modified before the submission deadline. A Pre-Bidders Meeting will be on Friday, October 6th at 10:00 AM at the Cook County Administration Building held at 69 W. Washington St., 22nd Floor Conference Room 'B'. Open Houses will be held the following week in order for applicants to evaluate the property, and those respective dates can be found in the RFP. Attendance is required in order for your bid to be considered a complete proposal.

All communications concerning this proposal must be presented in writing via email or standard U.S. mail to either Mustafaa Saleh (mustafaa@cookcountylandbank.org) or Gene Kelley (gene@cookcountylandbank.org).

You can find more information on [CCLBA’s website](https://www.cclba.org).

Second Round of Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Applications Open
We are pleased to inform you that Mayor Emanuel has opened the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund program for a second round of applications today. While many of the inaugural class of grant recipients prepare their projects, we are excited to support another group of projects that will catalyze development along commercial corridors on the South, Southwest and West sides of our City.

We will take applications until the deadline, and final selections on projects will be made following that deadline.

**Application Period:**
- **Open Date:** Wednesday, October 4th
- **Deadline Date:** Friday, December 22nd at 4:00 P.M.

You can learn more about the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund [here](#) and apply [here](#). Email nof@cityofchicago.org with questions.
Paycheck to Paycheck Database Highlights Housing Affordability Challenges Faced by Healthcare Workers

Published at the end of September by the National Housing Conference, Paycheck to Paycheck 2017 provides "a snapshot of housing affordability for healthcare workers." The healthcare industry accounts for over one-sixth of the U.S. economy and continues to grow, and yet many healthcare workers are unable to buy or rent homes with their current salaries. In fact, of the five
studied healthcare occupations, not one is able to afford to buy or rent a home in every one of the 203 metro areas used in the study. By focusing on those healthcare occupations that require a lower level of education and provide a lower salary, Paycheck to Paycheck demonstrates the challenge in housing affordability faced by many workers in one of the nation's largest industries.

![Percentage of Selected Metro Areas Where Renting is Affordable for Highlighted Occupations](chart.png)

You can read the full report [here](#).

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**Congratulations to Mercy Housing Lakefront for Winning an Affordable Housing Finance Readers' Choice Award!**

Along with nine other developments around the country, Mercy Housing Lakefront's project converting Chicago's iconic Sears catalog printing facility into 181 units of affordable housing has won a 2017 Readers' Choice Award from Affordable Housing Finance. The Lofts on Arthington, an adaptive-reuse project located in Homan Square, will provide a mix of one, two, three, and four bedroom units for families at 30% and 60% AMI. Residents will have access to services including pre-K education, neonatal healthcare, and job training. You can read more about the Lofts on Arthington [here](#) and about the other AHF winners [here](#).

![Lofts on Arthington](image1.jpg)

From Affordable Housing Finance.

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**National Affordable Housing News: California Passes Expansive New Legislation**
On September 29, California Governor Jerry Brown signed a historic housing legislation package. The package, which includes 15 new bills in total, seeks to expand affordable housing through a variety of measures in order to address the state’s housing crisis. Highlights include SB 2 by Sen. Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) which will impose a $75 fee on certain real estate documents raising an estimated $250 million per year, SB 3 by Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) which will place a $4 billion bond for affordable housing on the state ballot, and SB 35 by Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) which speeds up housing approvals in cities not currently meeting their housing goals. You can read more about the new legislation here.

Thank You to CRN's Recent Supporters

Thanks to recent investments from our generous supporters, CRN is able to continue necessary programming that encourages development without displacement.

About the Chicago Rehab Network

For 40 years, CRN has worked to train, coordinate and empower community-based organizations engaged in developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's
robust advocacy efforts also have resulted in numerous affordable housing policies and resources, including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, various property tax reforms, 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.

For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has played a leadership role in bringing affordable housing to Chicago's most disinvested communities. Support our work building strong neighborhoods, strengthening capacity, and creating powerful leaders.

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