



Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

Atlanta Mayoral Candidate Forum

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA



The next mayor of Atlanta will inherit an increasingly untenable situation – housing affordability in the city. A rebounding housing market, booming luxury rental development, gentrifying neighborhoods, negative equity, and a vanishing supply of affordable housing all combine to paint a serious picture for low- and moderate-income families.

Where do Atlanta mayoral candidates stand on affordable housing issues? How do issues of housing, transit-oriented development, and homelessness rank among other competing concerns? Atlanta residents will have an opportunity to get answers to these questions and hear directly from the candidates next month.

The City for All Housing Coalition and the Transformation Alliance are sponsoring a forum for City of Atlanta mayoral candidates on Wednesday, September 6, from 9:30 to 11:45 am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The forum will focus on the City's affordable housing crisis across the spectrum of needs — from Atlanta's homeless population to workforce housing. It will take place at the regularly scheduled Atlanta Regional Housing Forum, which is held quarterly at St. Luke's.

Prior to the September 6 event, candidates will also be responding to a survey from the City for All and Transformation Alliance. Among other questions, the candidate survey seeks to understand where the candidates stand on some of key housing issues:

PRODUCTION: Commit a minimum of \$250 million in public revenue for a Housing Trust Fund by 2021.

INCLUSION: Increase access to affordable housing throughout Atlanta with city-wide, mandatory Inclusionary Zoning (IZ).

PRESERVATION: Achieve long term or permanent affordability to protect public investment in housing. Employ Community Land Trusts and other tools to preserve and maintain new and existing affordable homes.

PROTECTION: Mitigate involuntary displacement of existing residents from rapidly changing neighborhoods.

Join us Wednesday, September 6 as we discuss these issues with Atlanta's mayoral candidates.

The Atlanta Regional Housing Forum is free to attend but registration is required. Attendees are also asked to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Details and registration at www.AtlantaRegionalHousing.org.

To learn more about our Forum partners, please visit www.CityForAll.org and <http://atltransformationalliance.org/>.

Learn more about candidates for mayor, council president, council and school board at www.voteatl.org – a comprehensive website from the Center for Civic Innovation in partnership with Our Future Atlanta.

Please bring canned or nonperishable food items for donation to Atlanta Community Food Bank!

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