



# Atlanta Regional Housing Forum

## *Atlanta's Framework for the Future*

Wednesday, December 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 be central in the effort to help ensure that our city is prepared for future disasters and one that remains an affordable, viable, sustainable option for all. It is, in fact, a challenge for us all. The mayor will benefit from several newly released strategies designed to address the most critical aspects of city planning, infrastructure preparedness, housing affordability, equitable community development, natural resources, transportation and transit and more.

Years of work, conversations, community input, and planning has resulted in comprehensive strategies created by The Atlanta City Design project, 100 Resilient Cities, and the Atlanta Housing Authority. These strategies will serve as an important path forward for the city and the region. Join us at the December 6 Forum as we hear from:



***Bill Bolling, Foodwell Alliance; Moderator, Atlanta Regional Housing Forum***

Mr. Bolling has been convening the community to discuss housing issues since the establishment of the original Atlanta Housing Forum - more than 30 years ago. In 2006, the Atlanta Housing Forum merged efforts with the Atlanta Regional Commission to form the Atlanta Regional Housing Forum. The retired founder of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Mr. Bolling now serves as Board Chairman and Senior Advisor of Foodwell Alliance. A leading voice for food security and affordable housing issues, Mr. Bolling serves as a steering committee member and moderator of the Atlanta Regional Housing Forum.



***Tim Keane, Commissioner of City Planning, City of Atlanta***

Commissioner Keane will present the Atlanta City Design Project: Aspiring to be the Beloved Community. The result of a comprehensive visioning process, the plan is a “guiding document to articulate an aspiration for the future city that Atlantans can fall in love with, knowing that if people love their city, they will make better decisions about it. These decisions, then, will be reflected in all the plans, policies, and investments the city makes, allowing Dr. King’s concept of the Beloved Community to guide growth and transform Atlanta into the best possible version of itself,” Commissioner Keane said in a recent Atlanta Business Chronicle story. We will also learn more about the domestiCITY [an affordable atlanta] competition. DomestiCity is structured as a two-phase design competition that will explore best practices & innovative strategies for the planning, design, construction, & operation of affordable & sustainable developments in increasingly urbanized areas.



***Catherine Buell, President and CEO, Atlanta Housing Authority***

Ms. Buell will discuss recent development activity and preview the agency’s vision for the future. “For nearly eight decades, the Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) has been at the forefront of providing affordable housing for many low-income families in the city of Atlanta. Though housing remains AHA’s core mission, in recent years, the authority has broadened its focus to include not just high quality housing in amenity-rich neighborhoods but a model that promotes self-sufficiency and active aging, improves the overall quality of life of our participants, and contributes to the betterment of the surrounding communities. Today, AHA is the largest public housing authority in Georgia and one of the largest in the nation, serving more than 50,000 people.”



***Andre Dickens, Councilmember, Post 3 At Large, City of Atlanta***

Councilmember Dickens, a strong advocate for affordable housing initiatives, recently spearheaded an effort to pass historic inclusionary zoning legislation. He will join us to discuss the impact this legislation will have on the housing needs of the city. “On Monday, November 7, 2017, the Atlanta City Council unanimously approved legislation that will require developers building new residential rental units near the BeltLine or Westside District to set aside 10 percent of those units for households at 60 percent Area Median Income (AMI) or below OR 15 percent of those units for households at 80 percent AMI or below. As a result of three years of research & policy development led by Councilmember Andre Dickens focused on housing affordability, this policy demonstrates the commitment of the city of Atlanta to provide diversity in its housing stock for residents of all income levels around the BeltLine and Westside.” - City of Atlanta



***Stephanie Stuckey, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Atlanta***

Ms. Stuckey will present Resilient Atlanta’s newly released strategy, Resilient Atlanta: Actions to Build a More Equitable Future. “The strategy serves as a roadmap to better prevent and adapt the city to the challenges of the 21st century, which include extreme climate events such as major floods or heat waves, terrorist threats, and long-term chronic stresses such as income inequality, lack of affordable housing, or the effects of climate crisis. The strategy composes more than 55 short-term and long-term actions,” as explained on Resilient Atlanta’s website.

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