**Resources for Learning More about Affordable Housing**

**Affordable Housing Finance:**

<https://www.housingfinance.com/>

A newsletter and website that focus on news and practices around financing of affordable housing, as well as related topics.

*“….provides the tools and best practices for financing, developing, and operating affordable rental housing.”*

**Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance:**

<https://www.cafha.net/>

A membership organization that focuses on fair housing issues through community education and advocacy. They do very strong advocacy work, with lots of partnerships with other advocacy groups.

*“Mission: To combat housing discrimination and promote equitable place-based opportunity through education, advocacy, and collaborative action.”*

**Chicago Rehab Network:**

<https://www.chicagorehab.org/>

A membership organization that concentrates on development and rehab; provides an evaluation of Chicago progress every year. Does a periodic newsletter.

*“The Chicago Rehab Network is a multi-cultural, multi-racial coalition of community-based organizations which revitalize neighbhoods primarily through the development and rehabilitation of housing for low-income community residents.”*

**CityLab:**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/citylab>

A newsletter and website that comprise a Bloomberg publication with an excellent section on housing.

*“Understand the story of the world’s cities, communities, and neighborhoods with free, unlimited access to Bloomberg CityLab.”*

**Housing Action Illinois:**

<https://housingactionil.org/>

The state of Illinois experts on housing policy and advocacy, a membership organization. A statewide coalition that lobbies in Springfield and does lots of community education and organizing for purposes of advocacy.

*“Mission: To increase and preserve the supply of decent, affordable, accessible housing in Illinois for low-and moderate-income households.”*

**Housing Matters:**

<https://housingmatters.urban.org/>

An initiative (publication and website) of the Urban Institute that provides research summaries, articles, and webinars on a broad range of topics related to housing.

*“The Housing Matters website aggregates information to demonstrate that better outcomes are possible with better housing. Our team strives to put high-quality research and practical insights into the hands of policymakers, program designers, implementers, and advocates. In doing so, we enable wide-ranging social and economic fields to tap into the power of an affordable, stable, quality place to call home.”*

**Joining Forces for Affordable Housing:**

<http://www.joiningforces.connect2home.org/>

A program of Connections for the Homeless and coalition of north suburban Cook County non-profits and individuals, working together to increase the regional supply of affordable housing through advocacy.

*“Housing is a human right. We envision diverse, inclusive communities with sustainable housing for all.”*

**Metropolitan Planning Council:**

<https://www.metroplanning.org/index.html>

A planning agency that is a key resource in the Chicago metro area for planning and policy, focusing on housing, equitable development, transportation, the environment, and related areas. Has a bimonthly publication called “The Regionalist.”

***“Shaping a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous Chicago region: An independent planning and policy organization founded in 1934, MPC changes perceptions, conversations and the status quo. We believe that every neighborhood has promise. Every community should be heard. And every person can thrive.”***

**National Low Income Housing Coalition:**

<https://nlihc.org/>

The national experts in affordable housing, a membership organization with excellent resources, campaigns, and policy analysis. Has a good newsletter and lots of communications.

*“….dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes.”*

**Preservation Compact:**

<https://www.preservationcompact.org/>

An excellent organization with a focus on preservation of affordable housing; primarily concentrates on City of Chicago.

*“Preserving the affordable rental stock is the most cost-efficient and environmentally friendly way to support affordable housing and neighborhood vitality. Collaborating with diverse partners drives results.”*

**ShelterForce:**

[www.shelterforce.org](http://www.shelterforce.org)

A newsletter and website that cover a broad range of housing-related topics. They do a weekly publication that compiles news from other sources, has original content as well.

“*Shelterforce* is an independent publication that serves (and sometimes challenges) community development practitions across the United States.”

**Supportive Housing Providers Association:**

<http://www.shpa-il.org/>

An Illinois-focused member organization for supportive housing providers (who provide subsidies as well as supportive services) and their residents. Provides advocacy, policy analysis, and community education.

*“SHPA is a statewide (Illinois) membership association of non-profit providers of supportive housing (affordable housing plus services for individuals and families who have been homeless and/or have special needs).  SHPA knits its members together into a strong state and federal advocacy voice for supportive housing resources and policies.“*

**United States Interagency Council on Homelessness:**

<https://www.usich.gov/>

A government council run by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, greatly impacted in mission and philosophy by the current administration. Provides information and community education on the U.S. government’s direction on housing.

Most current effort: *“USICH unveils its new strategic plan, Expanding the Toolbox: The Whole-of-Government Response to Homelessness, to increase self-sufficiency and to dramatically reduce homelessness.”*

**Up for Growth Weekly News Digest:**

<https://www.upforgrowth.org/>

A newsletter and website that cover a broad range of housing-related topics, with a particular interest in development. Publishes a weekly publication compiling national housing news, and announcements of new research.

*“Up for Growth works hard to foster more equitable community growth by engaging a diverse member network to shape research and policies that help eliminate structural barriers to housing.”*