



# METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION

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## Greetings!

### 2017 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 30th

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm

The Olmsted

3701 Frankfort Ave

Louisville, KY 40206

**Keynote Speaker: Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer**



**Individual Tickets: \$70**

For more information, contact:  
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or call 502.584.6858

*Download and share our Annual Meeting flier below*

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Your membership  
advances safe, fair, and  
affordable housing for our  
community!

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Each new member and every  
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*Louisville Moves Forward in  
Fair & Affordable Housing*

**Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
2017 Annual Meeting Dinner**

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm  
The Olmsted - 3701 Frankfort Avenue

**Keynote Speaker:** Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer

Over his tenure, Mayor Greg Fischer has a long and impressive list of fair and affordable housing accomplishments which include: Louisville receiving a \$29.5 million HUD CHOICE grant to transform Beecher Terrace and the Russell Neighborhood; 20-Year Action Plan for Fair Housing; an inclusive Comprehensive Plan process which includes fair housing, affordable housing, health, and sustainability despite not being mandatory; creation of Louisville CARES; funding program work for the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund; research and development of the Redlining interactive map; and the work in west Louisville covering the gap between cost of building new single-family homes in a small area and the initial appraised value of those homes. Local action is imperative, and Mayor Fischer has shown the steady determination to address the issues of fair and affordable housing.

Individual tickets: \$70 per person  
Dinner will be served & a Cash Bar will be available  
Variety of sponsorship opportunities are available.  
Contact MHC regarding scholarship tickets.

Tickets may be purchased online on the Donation page of our Website or by mailing a check to MHC at PO Box 4533 Louisville, KY 40204. Please include names of all attendees & number of vegan meals needed.

For tickets purchased online:

- 1) Visit: <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/MetropolitanHousingCoalition/OnlineDonation.html>
- 2) Enter the total amount for all tickets you would like to buy.
- 3) Include the following information in the "Comments" box: 2017 Annual Meeting Tickets, names of all attendees (if known), and how many vegetarian/vegan meals required. If you cannot attend, but wish to donate ticket(s) as sponsorships for low-income attendees, please type "Annual Meeting Ticket Donation" in the "Comments" box.

For more information regarding sponsorships or any other questions,  
Please contact Michael Kolodziej, Development Director, at  
michael@metropolitanhousing.org or at (502) 584-6858.

Metropolitan Housing Coalition is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your contribution is tax deductible within IRS regulations.

## Community Calendar

**Fair Housing Coalition  
meets 2pm  
each 2nd TUE at New  
Directions,  
1000 E. Liberty**

**Louisville Vacant Property  
Campaign  
meets 5:30pm  
each 3rd Tuesday at Shelby  
Park Community Center  
600 E. Oak St.**

**Nominate Someone for the  
Real Possibilities Faith Award  
by May 1st**

*AARP is hosting the inaugural Real Possibilities Faith Award to honor long-serving members of the Louisville faith community. This is one way to give back to Kentuckians who give so much.*

*We encourage faith groups across the Louisville area to nominate deserving members from their community. Each organization may nominate up to three people. To be eligible, nominees must be at least 50-years-old and have served as an active member of their faith community for five or more years.*

*AARP Kentucky is accepting nominations from April 1st through May 1st. You can submit your nomination here. We will announce the winners at the 2017 AARP Real Possibilities Faith Award Ceremony on June 22nd.*

**Sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$500.**

**Click the form below for more information on being an Annual Meeting sponsor. Deadline is May 16th!**



**Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
2017 Annual Meeting**

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Tuesday, May 30 at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206  
6:15 p.m. Networking, 6:15 p.m. Dinner & Program  
Keynote Speaker: Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer

**Foundation Sponsors - \$2,500**

- 3 reserved tables at the event (24 ppl)
- Display organizational banner(s) on stage
- Freestanding marketing display w/materials at event
- Double full-page ad in Annual Meeting program
- Key sponsor listing in all press releases/advisories
- Recognition in 4 MHC social media posts w/link to your site
- Recognition in MHC newsletter, website, and annual State of Metropolitan Housing Report
- Short greeting at beginning of Annual Meeting

**Cornerstone Sponsors - \$2,000**

- 2 reserved tables at the event (16 ppl)
- Display marketing materials on audience tables
- Full-page ad in program
- Display large banner at event
- Recognition in press releases/advisories
- Recognition in MHC newsletter, website, & SMHR
- Recognition in 2 MHC social media posts w/link to your site

**Keystone Sponsors - \$1,500**

- 1 reserved tables at the event (16 ppl)
- Full-page ad in program
- Display small to medium banner at event
- Recognition in press releases/advisories
- Recognition in MHC Newsletter and Website

**Groundbreaking Sponsors - \$1,000**

- 1 reserved table at the event (8 ppl)
- 1/2-page ad in program
- Recognition in press releases/advisories
- Recognition in MHC Newsletter and website

**Advocate - \$500**

- 4 tickets to the event
- Recognition in press releases/advisories
- Listing in program
- 1/4-page ad in program

**Advertise in our Event Program!**

- Full page - \$500 - 1/2-page - \$300 - 1/4-page - \$175

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**Yes, we will sponsor MHC's 2017 Annual Meeting!**

___ Foundation Sponsor - \$2,500	___ Groundbreaking Sponsor - \$1,000
___ Cornerstone Sponsor - \$2,000	___ Advocate - \$500
___ Keystone Sponsor - \$1,500	

\_\_\_ I would like to donate \_\_\_ sponsorship tickets that MHC can provide to low-income attendees (\$70 each).  
 \_\_\_ I cannot sponsor, but will purchase \_\_\_ tickets (\$70 each).  
 \_\_\_ I would like an ad in the Annual Meeting program: \_\_\_ Full page (\$500) \_\_\_ 1/2-page (\$300) \_\_\_ 1/4-page (\$175)

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment (check one): \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover  
 Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form with payment (by check or credit card for full amount) to MHC, PO Box 4533, Louisville, Kentucky 40204-4533.  
 For more information, please call (502) 584-6858 or email [michael@metroqo@louisvilleky.org](mailto:michael@metroqo@louisvilleky.org)

**Please respond by Friday, May 16th, if you wish to become a sponsor or purchase a program ad.**

If you do not want to be listed as a member on MHC's website or in our State of Metropolitan Housing Report please check box.

**If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Michael.**

*Click here for a [flyer](#)*

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\***

**Want to volunteer for the 2017 Annual Meeting? Please email [michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org)**

**Volunteers needed for check-in, table seating, raffle ticket sales, and other tasks the day of the event.**

**Settlement in LG&E/KU Rate Cases Protects Vulnerable Residential Customers & Moderates the Amount & Impact of Rate Increases**

**by Tom Fitzgerald**

**Kentucky Resources Council**

**Legal Council for MHC**



**Significant Public Turnout At Hearings And Letters To Commission Helps Create Context For Settlement**

A proposed settlement agreement in the Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities Rate Cases, filed with the Public Service Commission on April 17, 2017, includes a number of positive outcomes for residential customers in the LG&E and KU service areas, over what had been requested by the utilities.

The numerous intervenors in one or more of the cases, including the Office of the Attorney General, Metropolitan Housing Coalition (represented by KRC), Association of Community Ministries, JBS Swift, Sierra Club, Louisville Metro (represented by County Attorney Mike O'Connell), Lexington, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, and the Community Action Council, negotiated together in seeking to moderate the rate increases sought by LG&E and KU.

LG&E sought \$94.1 million in new revenue for electricity and \$13.4 million for gas operations, and KU sought a revenue increase of \$103.1 million for electricity. Both sought to increase by more than double the basic customer charge, and to marginally reduce the volumetric rates for electricity. LG&E and KU also sought to fully roll-out advanced ("smart") meters. Among the highlights of the settlement for LG&E and KU

**2017 Worksite Wellness Council of Louisville Annual Conference and Awards**  
*The awards are open to all local employers that have a worksite wellness program. Awards will be presented at the Annual Worksite Wellness Council of Louisville conference.*

**Thursday, May 18  
3:30 pm**

**Gheens Foundation Lodge in Beckley Creek Park in Louisville part of the Parklands at Floyd Fork  
1411 Beckley Creek Pkwy**

*Early Bird registration is \$75.*

*After April 30, price is \$90.*

*Click [here](#) to register*

*Sponsorships and vendor booths are available! Contact Wendy Hall, [wendy.hall@BHSI.COM](mailto:wendy.hall@BHSI.COM).*

**Start Fresh**

*Bank on Louisville's Start Fresh is a FREE workshop for people with negative (non-fraud) banking histories, are in ChexSystems, or are banking for the 1st time. It will help you gain new info & tools to use 2nd-chance or new checking accounts. This workshop will help you think about your relationship with money and plan how you will make mainstream financial services work for you. Upon completion, you will get a certificate you can use to open a new account with Bank on Louisville's bank or credit union partners.*

*There are two locations for the workshops:*

**Louisville Urban League hosts the workshop from 5:30-7:30 pm on the following Thursdays:**

**May 11th  
August 10th  
November 9th**

customers:

\* LG&E and KU withdrew the request to roll out advanced meters on a mandatory basis, and will instead work in a collaborative with interested parties to review and make recommendations on how and when to deploy advanced meters and to protect customers from intrusive practices.

\* The overall revenue increases for LG&E would drop to \$59.4 million for electricity and for KU, \$54.9 million, and to \$7.5 million for gas services, and the allocation of what classes of customers will pay what percentage of the increased revenue was made more fair than some proposals under consideration.

\* The return on equity was reduced to single digits, at 9.75%.

\* The customer charge will rise from \$10.25 per month to \$11.50 in July 2017 and to \$12.25 in July 2018, instead of the \$22.00 requested by LG&E and KU. For gas customers in the LG&E service area, the meter charge will rise to \$16.35 for the next two years.

\* The residential service charges will not be split into three components, which renewable advocates were concerned was a step towards decoupling and demand charges that would adversely affect distributed solar generators.

\* LG&E and KU have agreed to fund a study on deployment of electric buses in Louisville.

\* LG&E will increase low-income customer support from shareholder contributions by an additional \$200,000 per year for utility assistance through the Association of Community Ministries until June 30, 2021, for a total shareholder contribution to 880,000 overall for utility and home energy assistance. KU will increase their shareholder contribution by \$100,000, and an increase in the service charge of 5 cents (to .30) will help reduce the number of folks on the waiting list for heating assistance in the CAC service area. The total low-income assistance will rise from \$1,150,000 to \$1,450,000 and remain at least at that level until 2021.

KRC appreciates the support of other intervenors, and particularly of JBS Swift, for the concerns of Metro Housing Coalition and low-income customer advocates. KRC also appreciates LG&E and KU's willingness to take a step back on the advanced meter issue and to work collaboratively on it. And thanks to each of you who attended one of the public meetings or wrote comments to the PSC on the rate cases.

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*\*\*MHC cannot thank the Kentucky Resources Council enough for once again representing MHC in an LG&E case before the Public Service Commission. They are our heros!!!\*\**

**The Comprehensive Plan: Stay Vigilant  
and Ensure Your Voice Is Heard**

**NIA Center hosts the  
workshop from 10am-12pm  
on the following Tuesdays:**

**April 11th  
June 13th  
July 11th  
September 12th  
October 10th  
December 12th**

*To register for any of these  
workshops or get more info, call  
Bank on Louisville at 574.5156.*

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# Throughout the Process!

by Michael Kolodziej

The Comprehensive Plan work groups (Mobility, Community Form, Community Facilities, Livability & Environment, Housing, and Marketplace) continue to meet monthly and have made great progress as groups are beginning to work on policies. Throughout the process, the Advisory Committee continues to hold meetings approximately once a month. As a reminder, the Advisory Committee acts as a "guide" for the Comprehensive Plan and is made up of 36 individuals from "neighborhood and community organizations as well as development and business interests." ([click here for a list of the committee members](#)).

All Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and take place at 6 pm at the Department of Health & Wellness at 400 E. Gray Street. Here are the dates for the next Advisory Committee Meetings:

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

You can also find previous meetings' agendas, presentations, and minutes by clicking [here](#).

When the work groups are finished, it is not the end of the process. The Advisory Committee will continue to "guide" the Comprehensive Plan which will then go to the Planning Commission and then to Metro Council. If we want to ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects a diverse community's vision of the twenty year environment and not just the vision of a select few, we must remain vigilant by showing up to the Advisory Committee meetings and in the future, to Planning and Metro Council meetings. Accountability is paramount.

## Congratulations to Louisville Metro Government on the New Fair Housing Assessment.

*Now we must act to make sure it becomes an important part of our decisions*

by Cathy Hinko

Enacting the 20-year Action Plan for Fair Housing, Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission completed the Fair Housing Assessment (FHA), a lens for ALL Metro government. This legacy of Carolyn Miller-Cooper is real and is now being taught to metro departments, but it is up to us to make the FHA an important part of decision-making.

***Write the Mayor to congratulate him on implementing the FHA.***

Bring the FHA up in all your comments to Metro government. Always ask, "What is the FHA's take on this decision?". Make it a part of all our discussions- in the Comprehensive Plan, or as we comment on the budget or as we look at the plans to spend federal funds. ***We are the ones who***

will ensure that fair housing is a normal part of decision-making.



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- 2) On the the Community page, click on "Kroger Community Rewards". This will take you to the Community Rewards page.
- 3) At the bottom of the Kroger Community Rewards page, you will see a box for "ENROLL NOW". Click on the box.
- 4) On the next page, you can find MHC by typing our name, "Metropolitan Housing Coalition", in the search box.
- 5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition appears on the list, select us by clicking the circle next to our name. Then click "Save".
- 6) Confirm that MHC is selected as your Community Rewards organization by checking your account profile.

***That's it!*** Now every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, you'll be earning rewards for MHC.

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**Want to get involved but need more  
knowledge on the issues?**

**MHC will come to you!**

**We're happy to present on the issues and our work to  
your group, whatever the size and wherever the  
location.**

**Contact MHC at (502) 584-6858 or  
[michael@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:michael@metropolitanhousing.org)**

**to find out how you and your organization can learn  
more and get active.**





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