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Thank you for making the 2018 MHC Annual Meeting a SUCCESS!

Representative Jim Wayne was the Guest of Honor at the 2018 MHC Annual Meeting. Thank you to Mayor Fischer for honoring Rep. Wayne's work in the continuing fight for safe, fair, and affordable housing! Rep. Wayne was instrumental to establishing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which has created more than 10,000 housing units for low-income families since 1994 and now has a steady funding source thanks to his persistent support and the support of community advocacy groups.

Thank you to Richard Rothstein of the Economic Policy Institute for giving the keynote address and Lexington Fair Housing Council for sponsoring the keynote. Also, thank you to Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Louisville Metro Council members David James, Barbara Sexton Smith, Rick Blackwell, and Cheri Bryant Hamilton for attending.

And to Council members Bill Hollander and Kevin Kramer who supported the event, but were attending to official duties at a Louisville Metro Council Budget Hearing. Thank you to each and everyone of you who are engaged in the coalition's efforts for safe, fair, and affordable housing in Louisville.



(L to R) Glynita Bell, MHC Board Member Dr. Stacy Deck, Keynote Speaker Richard Rothstein, and Dr. Cynthia Conley following the 2018 Annual Meeting.

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Neighborhood House Welcomes New Executive Director

Yvette Livers has been selected as the next Executive Director of the Neighborhood House (NH). Yvette comes to the NH from a robust nonprofit background, having spent the last 20 years in executive leadership positions in Louisville, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

She graduated from the University of Louisville and most recently served as executive director of South Louisville Community Ministries. She is passionate about uplifting communities and working to break the cycle of poverty, and is looking forward to starting during the summer months so she can see our Dreamers' Academy first-hand.

“The services Neighborhood House provides are of the utmost importance to the people in and around Portland, more so now than ever before. I am eager to meet the youth, families and senior adults in the community, and to start working with the staff,” Yvette said after learning she’d been selected.

MHC WELCOMES NEW AND RENEWING BOARD MEMBERS

Janet Dakan—A founding member of the MHC in 1989 and was the League of Women Voters of Louisville Vice-President in charge of updating the League’s housing statement which included MHC’s platform of affordable and fair housing policies. Dakan served on the MHC board from 2010 to 2016. She continues to be active on three committees: Annual Meeting, Education and Advocacy, and Fair Housing Coalition. To further her education and advocacy work, she joined related organizations: Congress for New Urbanism, Grounded Solutions, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, Next City, Strong Towns, and the Urban Land Institute. Since 2010, Dakan has served on the Tyler Park Neighborhood Association (TPNA) board and serves as the secretary and membership committee chair. She is active in the League of Women Voters of Louisville, serving on their Housing and Racial Justice committees. Other volunteer organizations: Olmsted Parks Conservancy; Kentucky Center of the Performing Arts, specializing in typing poetry from veterans in the Arts in Healing Program; Phi Beta Kappa Association of Kentuckiana, Inc. at the University of Louisville – she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society at UCLA in 1968, and was automatically eligible for membership in the Association, but elected to the board in 2015.

Jackie Floyd—A native Louisvillian and current resident of the Russell neighborhood. She has a broad experience in community engagement, case management, and civic involvement. Most recently, Jackie served with New Directions Housing Corporation as a Vision Russell Outreach Worker leading community outreach and input efforts with the Vision Russell Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant. As a Neighborhood Liaison with the Center for Neighborhoods, she serves neighborhoods in Metro Council Districts 4, 5, 7, 16, and 17.

Lisa Thompson—Serves as Chief Impact Officer at the Louisville Urban League. Prior to joining the League in 2017, she was Executive Vice President/Chief Strategy Officer at New Directions Housing Corporation. Thompson works closely with the Center for Housing and Financial Empowerment and the Center for Workforce Development to further the Urban League’s five strategies for Jobs, Justice, Education, Health, and Housing. Thompson is a longtime ally to neighborhood and community leaders who work toward neighborhood economic and housing revitalization. She has worked closely with residents in revitalization efforts in Smoketown, Shelby Park, Russell and New Albany’s Midtown area. She also serves as a board member of One West. Previous board memberships: New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals, Cardinal Joseph Elmer Ritter Birthplace Foundation, YouthBuild Louisville, Dare to Care, and The Kentucky Foundation for Women. She is a Leadership Louisville graduate. She is a Louisville native and lives with her husband, Tom Johnson, in a restored rural farmhouse in Salem, Indiana. Their family business, Keystone Restorations, is located in New Albany.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF RICHARD ROTHSTEIN'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS

By Cathy Hinko
MHC Executive Director

The keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting was Richard Rothstein, author of *Color of Law* and a former national education columnist for the *New York Times*. MHC asked Mr. Rothstein to use what he had uncovered in his *Color of Law* research about government engineered segregation in the context of education.

This is a brief summary of his line of thought. The “No Child Left Behind Act” had as its premise that there would be better outcomes if teachers had more belief in the success of children. But that does not account for children who were not able to fully function in school because of causes or stressors outside of school. His example was a child who was up half the night due to asthma (as a side note, in 2004, MHC did a study on incidence of hospitalizations for childhood asthma and found the likelihood of being hospitalized, per child, was 46 times more in some zip codes than others, see *Out of Breath* on the MHC website).

If outside causes and stressors were a root cause of scholastic performance then housing conditions were directly accountable. That leads to the question of how did we wind up with severe segregation by race and class. The government intervention in housing was directly and intentionally culpable. The change occurred in the 20th century.

As the need for housing increased, the government got involved in production. Public housing was originally built for working class people, but was built, by law, to be racially segregated. In World War II, when housing for defense factory workers was necessary, it was built to be segregated with lesser materials for the housing for Black people. Post-war new suburbs were built that were only possible because of government guaranteed loans that, by law prohibited selling to Black people. Our white suburbs were federally subsidized, and required to be white, a fact that most white homeowners forget now that the value of their homes has increased.

Intentionally building all white suburbs emptied the cities of whites, especially noticeable in the public housing which was designated for whites. Eventually Black people, who were kept out of all white suburbs through restrictive covenants, populated the public housing formerly reserved for whites. As the value of homes in the suburbs increased, wealth for whites increased. Access to jobs decreased for Black people as jobs moved out of the city core. After 1968, the places that were segregated by law became segregated by remaining practice, perpetuating the enforced racial segregation. Schools became racially segregated as well.

Housing for blacks deteriorated. In Louisville, the segregated areas within the urban core are where lead paint still remains, as well as asbestos and lack of insulation to lower heating bills. These are real impediments to children being able to thrive academically.

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2018 MHC ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO GALLERY



Louisville Metro Council President David James with Jackie Floyd of the Center for Neighborhoods and an incoming MHC Board Member.



Guest of Honor Rep. Jim Wayne gives remarks at the 2018 MHC Annual Meeting. Rep. Wayne is a key, longtime supporter of fair and affordable housing.



Keynote speaker Richard Rothstein speaks to Annual Meeting attendees about housing and education policy.



MHC supporters listen to the keynote address by Richard Rothstein.

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Keynote speaker Richard Rothstein, author of *Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* and distinguished fellow of the Economic Policy Institute, speaks to a full house of MHC supporters at the 2018 Annual Meeting.



Louisville Metro Council President David James and Vicky Markell support safe, fair, and affordable housing at the 2018 MHC Annual Meeting.



MHC Board Vice Chair Everett Hoffman sells raffle tickets and says, "Yes In My Back Yard!" (YIMBY) to safe, fair, and affordable housing.



Incoming MHC Board Member Janet Dakan, Thela Elliott, and Roz Heinz greet attendees as they enter The Olmsted for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Download 15 years of State of Metropolitan Housing Reports and other reports for FREE at our Website:
www.metropolitanhousing.org/resources/mhc-reports

LHOME RECEIVES CDFI CERTIFICATION!

Louisville Housing Opportunities and Micro-Enterprise (LHOME) is now certified by the U.S. Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)!

Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) Board Member Faith Weekly brought Jewish Family and Career Services (JFCS) together with the MHC because we were both working to form a CDFI. JFCS does micro-business lending and MHC was tired of waiting for a housing CDFI to be formed, so we took it on together.

While it is clear that the lion's share of making this work was JFCS, MHC helped all along. After lending in preparation for asking for certification, and receiving a grant from the U.S. Treasury for building our capacity, both MHC and JFCS agreed that operating what was essentially a bank was beyond our capacities. Then we did what makes Louisville such a great place. We handed off, along with the full capacity grant, the administration of the hope-to-be CDFI to New Directions Housing Corp. and Housing Partnership, Inc (HPI). MHC retained a seat on the board of LHOME, with Adam Hall as the MHC representative. Hall is a former MHC Board member and Board president. He also is a vice president and community and economic development manager with Fifth Third Bank.



HPI and New Directions took the work load, hired a director, and in less than a year lined everything up for certification. JFCS still has money lent to LHOME for loans to individuals, a necessary part of showing that LHOME can oversee lending. Along with our intense and very successful work to create the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund, MHC has helped create a home-grown CDFI.

So what is the benefit of having a home-grown CDFI, especially one focused on housing and micro-enterprise? We are now able to bring in national money to the Louisville community that was previously not available to the Louisville community. This is a HUGE step forward for Louisville and has the potential to really help fund affordable housing and improve incomes for lower income people.

Help JFCS and MHC celebrate this great accomplishment made possible by tons of work by tons of people and organizations.

Being a coalition - we work with partners to achieve common goals and continue the advocate for safe, fair, and affordable housing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.lhomeky.org or contact LHOME Executive Director Amy Shir at (502) 235-8710.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE MHC A SUCCESS DURING LOUISVILLE'S GIVE FOR GOOD: THE BIGGEST DAY OF LOCAL GIVING MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

There are many ways that you can help MHC succeed on **THE BIGGEST DAY OF LOCAL GIVING** during the 2018 Give for Good Louisville event. This event happens on September 13, 2018 - a 24-hour period of giving to non-profits across the Louisville community. Both the total funds raised and total number of unique, individual gifts help MHC access more funding. So, how do YOU participate? Here are a few ways:

- Donate to MHC during the 24-hour period of giving on September 13th by going to www.giveforgoodlouisville.org.
- Multiply the impact of your giving by inviting a couple of friends to match your donation.
- Volunteer to be a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Fundraiser for MHC, where you create your own giving page and invite friends and family to join you in supporting MHC. Set a GOAL and help MHC fight for safe, fair, and affordable housing!
- Post on social media about your donation and/or your P2P Fundraiser page to help raise money for housing advocacy. Use the hashtag #GiveForGoodLou in your Facebook and Twitter posts.

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Contact Tony Curtis at tony@metropolitanhousing.org to become involved.

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THANK YOU TOM MOFFETT!

Our community lost a great advocate for civil rights with the death of Tom Moffett at age 94. We at MHC visited with him in April because Tom arranged for MHC to present about fair and affordable housing to the activist group of residents at his apartment building! Tom was always there to advocate and, when necessary, to protest. He will be missed.

THANK YOU REP. JIM WAYNE!

As many of you know, Rep. Jim Wayne is retiring from his position as Representative from District 35 of the Kentucky House of Representatives. MHC wishes to thank Rep. Jim Wayne for his decades of service to social justice in Louisville and across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Thank you for being a strong voice and a key ally in the fight for safe, fair, and affordable housing!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Louisville Fair Housing Coalition

Meets each 2nd Tuesday at 2pm at New Directions (1000 E. Liberty St., Louisville, KY 40204).

Louisville Vacant Property Campaign

Meets each 3rd Tuesday at 5:30pm, now at the Western Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 10th & Chestnut (604 S. 10th St., Louisville, KY 40203).

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity

August 14, 2018 from 8:30AM-12:30PM @ KACo in Frankfort, KY - \$10 per person.

“You Don’t Have to Live Here’: Why Housing Messages are Backfiring And 10 Things We Can Do About It” by Tiffany A. Manuel, PhD (Vice President, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.)

Please RSVP to Mary Shearer at (502) 608-7041 or mary@kyhfh.org.

Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Webinars and Workshops

June 20 (1-2PM EST): “Health for All: A Discussion with Highlights from Kentucky”

June 27 (1-2PM EST): “Planning for Success: MAPP, Strategy, Decision Making & Health”

July 11 (1-2PM EST): “Health for All: Creating Equitable Opportunity for Health”

August 8 (1-2PM EST): “Planning for Success: Why? How? What for?”

August 16 (12:30-3PM EST): “Working with the Media” (Workshop)

For more information contact Rachelle Seger at rseger@healthy-ky.org.

Office of Financial Empowerment, Louisville Forward Workshops

“Exploring Entrepreneurship” - Free one hour workshops.

Where? The Nia Center, 2900 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40211

Afternoon Classes @ 1PM - June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11

Evening Classes @ 6PM - June 26, July 24, August 28, and September 25

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