

Fair and Affordable Housing for All



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MHC's Board of Directors Opens Search for the Next Executive Director of MHC

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) is soliciting resumes and cover letters for candidates to

serve as the next Executive Director for MHC. The attached job

serve as the next Executive Director for MHC. The attached job description/posting outlines the requirements and skills we are seeking. All applications will be reviewed by a board led committee and those candidates most suited will be contacted for a phone interview. All interested parties should submit their application materials to: info@metropolitanhousing.org.

Click [HERE](#) to access the full job description.

THANK YOU! MHC's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Was a Success!

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the Entire Annual Meeting.

"Tonight, let us take a moment of silence to remember those whose lives were stolen from them-most recently Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and David McAtee-and too many others who have been killed, who have lost a loved one, who fear for their lives. We must say their names. We must affirm that black lives matter. And we must do so much more."

-- Dr. Stacy Deck, MHC Board Chair

[Read](#) the entirety of MHC Board Chair Dr. Stacy Deck's Opening Remarks

"I promise I will discuss how quality of life is linked to housing.

But first I must address another injustice that is preventing all of our residents from living their full lives. Within the past 2 months, we have lost 2 of our residents to police violence. Breonna Taylor was an ER tech who loved her family and friends. David McAtee was a beloved chef and entrepreneur known as Yaya.

We mourn the loss of these two lives. And we know that their loss could have been prevented. The same systems of power that I am here to discuss tonight have created a society where some are greatly benefited, and others are harmed.

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Community Calendar

Monthly Virtual Meeting
Links Will Be Sent Out
Monthly on Each Groups
Email List

Fair Housing Coalition
meets at 2:00 P.M.
on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month at New Directions,
1615 Maple St.

Louisville Vacant Property
Campaign
meets at 5:30 P.M.
on the 3rd Tuesday of each
month at the
Western Library
604 South Tenth Street

Do you have an event for
the Community Calendar?

Email Tony Curtis at
tony@metropolitanhousing.org

Their loss matters to me, and it should matter to you too. Because when racism goes unchallenged, we cannot build the community we envision. The long relationship between racism and housing has helped create the conditions which makes it possible for us to lose two of our residents."

-- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Keynote Speaker & Chief Health Strategist and Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness

[Read](#) the entirety of Dr. Moyer's Keynote Address

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Did you know that MHC is a coalition of approximately 300 individual and organizational members?

Justice Denied- How the Eviction Court Process has a Racist Structure

**by Cathy Hinko
MHC Executive Director**

The world is in the midst of a lethal pandemic. The Governor of Kentucky issued Emergency Orders to keep people as safe as possible, including one on March 25, 2020 that placed a moratorium on evictions moving forward. "By staying at home and limiting your in-person contact, you can stop the spread of COVID-19..."

Write Chief Justice John Minton of the Kentucky Supreme Court at courtstipline@kycourts.net and write the head of the Jefferson District Court, Judge Anne Haynie at annehaynie@kycourts.net to say they should reexamine their decisions about how they conduct eviction cases using racial justice as a value.

The Kentucky Supreme Court has created exceptions to the

public health moratorium on evictions which was instituted to save lives to allow cases for "other than non-payment of rent" to proceed. This poses a disproportionate risk of the lives of black Louisvillians.

The disparate negative impact of this pandemic by race is documented by Kentucky's Governor and Louisville's Mayor. The data shows that evictions are filed predominantly against black households. This means the structure of eviction proceedings in Louisville is about black lives and whether they matter equally with white lives.

Given the disparate negative impact of evictions on the black community in Louisville, to now allow evictions for "other than non-payment of rent" risks the lives of Louisville's black community much more so than the white community.

The Jefferson District Court published their procedures. In each instance, decisions were made by the administering body; they were not the law. While the decisions claim to be racially neutral, the data show they are far from racially neutral. The values used to make these decisions do not include racial justice.

In Jefferson County, renters are disproportionately in a class protected by the Fair Housing Acts of the federal, state and local governments. In Jefferson County, home to 42% of Kentucky's black population, the homeownership rate for black households is 36% compared to the homeownership rate of white households, which is 70%. The data for other classes protected under the Fair Housing Act, such as for female-headed households with children and Latinx households are in this range as well.

The data show that any decision affecting renter households in Jefferson County inherently has a racial consequence. The data also show that evictions cases are filed in areas where people in protected classes live. Evictions are about race, gender and ethnicity. MHC's reports have maps that show this.

The process poses impediments to attending a hearing and being able to defend. Cases for "other than non-payment of rent" could include if an abuser caused damages or disruption or the reason could be simply ending a month to month lease. The cases require a lot of proof of having violated the lease, yet the landlord does have to swear to any fact or fully state the facts supporting the eviction filing. In normal times the eviction court never makes the landlord prove their case. The attorney signs, no witness for the landlord is there. But the court does not dismiss the case. Instead the judge forces a tenant to testify against themselves.

The court mandates remote hearing. Any exception to a remote hearing is based on....no stated criteria. Ironically, you would have to ask remotely for an exception to a remote hearing. Over 90 percent of landlords have an attorney and there is no digital divide for attorneys. Under 3 percent of tenants have an attorney and the digital divide is well documented by segregated neighborhoods.

This is important because soon the non-payment of rent cases will come up. Fair access to the courts is imperative.

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You can also ask that the moratorium on eviction cases for non-payment of rent be extended through August and that the courts work with Louisville Metro to get rent assistance to solve these cases and to get a chance for all unemployment benefits to be resolved. MHC predicts 8,000 cases will be filed. Even in a normal year, 17,000 eviction cases are filed (substantially in black segregated areas), so a three month backlog with the rental default rates being experienced at twice the normal rate.

And LG&E already has 21,000 households in serious default during their moratorium on shut-offs. Work to save lives.

MHC and South Louisville Community Ministries teamed up for a training on "Eviction Prevention During COVID-19"

Click the link below to view the training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Nx5jF19izU>

Do you work with people who will be potentially facing an eviction? Learn about where there's help and their processes, red flags from misbehaving landlords, available documents including a renter-focused payment plan and letters to landlords, tips on landlord mediation, and the steps toward an eviction including the details of the court cases that will be hosted on Zoom.

Our panelists include Ben Carter with Kentucky Equal Justice Center, John Young with Legal Aid, and Tonia Nolden with the Coalition for the Homeless, and Tony Curtis with the Metropolitan Housing Coalition as our moderator.

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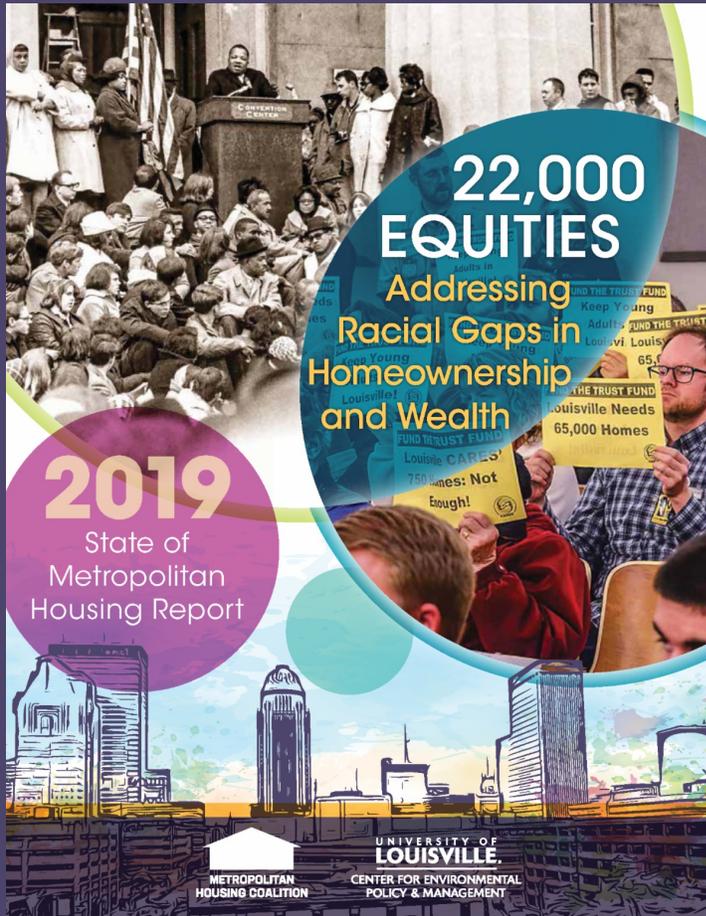
The Root Cause Research Center is Conducting a Housing Survey

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<https://www.rootcauseresearch.org/louisvillehousingsurvey>

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