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Addressing the Pandemic's Impact
on American Homeowners and Tenants



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VIRTUAL FORUM
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021
9AM-12:30PM

FORUM SUMMARY

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated housing access and affordability issues faced by households across the nation. Even as economic conditions have slightly improved, more than 1.5 million homeowners—mostly low-income or of color—are more than 90 days behind on mortgage payments. As of early July, there were still nearly 6.5 million renter households behind on rent*, putting them at risk of eviction. Families and households of color are even more vulnerable and likely to struggle with making housing payments.

The impacts of the pandemic are likely to last well into the future, necessitating substantial policy changes and financial assistance to address household needs. While mortgage forbearance, rental assistance, and housing support programs have provided households with much-needed relief, additional and extended programs are critical to ensure that we do not leave the most vulnerable households behind. In addition, it is essential that we build back an inclusive economy that ensures that households have access to stable employment and small business support, equitable access to healthcare, ample educational and workforce development opportunities, and adequate transportation and transit access.

This virtual forum will bring together panelists from across Texas and the United States to discuss strategies that localities can adopt to ensure an equitable housing and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and set the stage for long-term affordability and stability.

** National Low Income Housing Coalition*



PANEL OF PRACTITIONERS SUMMARY

The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted the economic and housing outlooks of cities and jurisdictions. Public, private and nonprofit entities have partnered across the country to address the needs of homeowners, tenants, residents experiencing homelessness, and businesses. The effects of the pandemic are likely to last well into the future, necessitating substantial policy changes and financial assistance to address household and business needs. In order to address the ongoing affordability crisis, it is critical to develop deep partnerships and support equitable approaches to recovery.

This session will bring together practitioners from around the United States to discuss economic recovery efforts, rental assistance programs, foreclosure prevention strategies, and support for residents experiencing homelessness. Panelists will share successful strategies and models that sustain ongoing recovery efforts while providing the most vulnerable households with the support that they need.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Matthew Desmond: Author, [Evicted](#), Maurice P. Daring Professor of Sociology at Princeton University

Moderated Conversation and Audience Q&A with Dr. Desmond

Moderator

Alfreda Norman: Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Makada Henry-Nickie: Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution

Moderated Conversation and Audience Q&A with Dr. Henry-Nickie

Moderator

Emily Chenevert: President/CEO, Austin Board of REALTORS, HousingWorks Board Chair

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Emily Ryder Perlmeter: Senior Advisor, Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, HousingWorks Board Chair-Elect

PANEL OF PRACTITIONERS

Moderator

Nicole Ferrini: Chief Resilience Officer, City of El Paso

Panelists

Andrea Bell: Director of Housing Stabilization, Oregon Housing & Community Services

Rodney Fong: President and CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and Co-Chair of San Francisco Economic Recovery Task Force

Jacki Robinson: Interim President, New Jersey Community Capital, Restart Program

Audience Q&A for Panel

Detailed agenda coming soon.



Keynote Speaker

DR. MATTHEW DESMOND

MacArthur Genius and Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond is the author of The New York Times bestseller and 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. The book also won the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, the Heartland Prize for Nonfiction, the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction and the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction, and was named a Best Book of 2016 by nearly three dozen outlets including The New York Times and The Washington Post. Praised as “an extraordinary feat of reporting and ethnography” by The Washington Post, *Evicted* transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a uniquely American problem.

Desmond is the Maurice P. During Professor of Sociology, and launched the Eviction Lab at Princeton University after conversations with renters and policymakers convinced him that collecting national data on eviction would help answer fundamental questions about residential instability, forced moves, and poverty in America. In 2018, The Eviction Lab published the first-ever national dataset of evictions in America, collecting millions of data points going back to 2000. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic devastation it brought to millions, the Eviction Lab has developed a series of resources to understand local responses to the increased insecurity for many of American’s renting families, including a state-by-state COVID-19 Housing Policy Scorecard and an Eviction Tracking System.

A New York Times Magazine contributing writer, Desmond is also the author of *On the Fireline: Living and Dying with Wildland Firefighters*; *Racial Domination, Racial Progress: The Sociology of Race in America* (with Mustafa Emirbayer); and *The Racial Order* (also with Mustafa Emirbayer). In 2016 he was named to Politico Magazine’s influential Politico 50 list. In 2018, he received the Stowe Prize for Writing to Advance Social Justice, awarded by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center to authors whose work shines a light on critical social issues. <http://www.lyceumagency.com/speakers/matthew-desmond/>



Keynote Speaker

DR. MAKADA HENRY-NICKIE

Makada Henry-Nickie is a Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution. She was previously a David M. Rubenstein Fellow at the Institution. Her career and research have focused on expanding equitable access to responsible credit and promoting policies that advance inclusive economic opportunities for disadvantaged families and low-income communities.

Prior to joining Brookings, Makada was a senior analyst with Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), where she advised on consumer financial protection and fair lending issues arising in financial institution regulation, enforcement matters, and rulemakings. Before CFPB, Makada worked as an economist with Brimmer & Company, where she consulted and advised on a cross-section of public policy issues including employment growth, taxation, and general economic policies.

Makada previously held senior positions in nonprofit organizations where she worked to develop innovative programs and raise capital to support affordable housing for teen mothers involved in the foster care system and expand access to capital for small businesses and affordable housing developers in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She holds a Ph.D. in Urban Economics and an M.A. in Monetary and Fiscal Policy from Howard University. Makada earned a B.A. in Economics from Hunter College-City University of New York.



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