



Community Organizing and Activism: Confronting Injustice in Public Spaces



➤ Housing Justice

“Housing justice means that people have opportunity for a good place to live, of their choice.”

– Beth McKee-Huger, Housing Advocate

OVERVIEW

Advocates for housing justice believe that everyone deserves access to safe, stable and affordable housing. In 2019, 47.4% of renters struggled to afford their monthly housing costs. In fact, 1 in 6 households pay more than half their monthly income for housing. African Americans are disproportionately burdened by unaffordable rents, evictions and homelessness. What are some solutions? Some say local zoning reform could help build the supply of housing at lower prices. Other ideas include restructuring tax breaks and incentives to help lower-income renters and first-time homebuyers. For more information, see Habitat for Humanity’s 2019 State of the Nation’s Housing Report at <https://www.habitat.org/costofhome/2019-state-nations-housing-report-lack-affordable-housing>.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What housing issues do you see in your community?
2. When people do not have safe, affordable housing what other issues are likely to arise?
3. How could your community benefit from a greater amount of safe and stable housing options?
4. What do you consider to be affordable rent in your community?
5. What resources and options do people have when facing eviction for failure to pay rent?
6. If renters have issues with their landlords, who can they call for help?
7. What programs and policies are your local government officials pursuing to ensure everyone has a safe, stable place to live of their choice?