



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY JUNE 14, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

[On Zoom: RSVP here](#)

BUILDING A BETTER BROOKLINE: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN THE AGE OF COVID19

COVID-19 has made it painfully clear that while there is so much to love about Brookline, we must also work at Building a Better Brookline.

Housing Affordability is the emerging frontier in Health Care: having an adequately sized, *affordable* home in which to shelter-in-place, work-at-home, learn-at-home, or self-isolate is a major factor in survival in an Age of Pandemics. Making sure Brookline has sufficient housing at the low and middle-income price-points is an important way to *keep us all safe*.

[FORUM I: CHANGING THE CONVERSATION](#)

Forum Moderator: Frank Steinfeld, CEO, Brookline Community Foundation

- **Bob Van Meter (for Jewish Alliance for Law & Social Action): Confronting the History of Housing Discrimination**
- **Panel: How Diversity & Inclusion, Transportation, Economic Development, and Climate Sustainability Impact Housing Affordability**

Moderated by: Rashmi Dyal-Chand, Law Professor, Northeastern School of Law

- **Deborah Brown, Town Meeting Member: Diversity & Inclusion**
- **Jenny Raitt, Housing Advisory Board: Housing Affordability**
- **Chris Dempsey, Transportation Board: Transportation**
- **Alden Raine, Economic Development Board: Economic Development**
- **Werner Lohe, Climate Action Committee: Climate Sustainability**

If you're an advocate for Housing Affordability, Diversity & Inclusion, Transportation, Economic Development, or Climate Sustainability, *this Forum is a 'Don't Miss'*. By bring together these 5 key constituencies, each of which has a significant impact on increasing Housing Affordability at both the low and middle-income levels, this forum will be "*Changing the Conversation*."

If you are an advocate for Seniors, Families, Public Health, Mental Health, or Education, this forum will show you how we can all work together across issue boundaries to ensure that adequate housing affordability will protect all of us in future pandemics.

*Two subsequent Forums, one during the Summer, featuring leaders from other municipalities that have succeeded in increasing Housing Affordability, and one in the Fall, will draft a Vision for a Better Brookline, and adapt some of the successful strategies to Brookline's context.

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Forums organized by:

Commission for Diversity, Inclusion & Community Relations

Housing Advisory Board

Economic Development Advisory Board

and participants from the following groups

Brookline for Everyone; Brookline Climate Action; Brookline Housing Authority & Housing Authority Board; Brookline Improvement Coalition; Brookline Community Aging Network; Brookline Housing Justice; Brookline Public Health Department; Commission on Disability; and individuals throughout Brookline with related expertise.

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