



THE PEOPLE'S POVERTY SUMMIT

Bold, Community-driven solutions to ending poverty in Chicago

Grassroots and community organizations have been working on bold and visionary solutions to ending poverty by funding the resources communities need. We believe that solutions should come from and by poor people and we hope that we can work together on these broad, structural solutions that have already been introduced in City Council and Springfield.....

OBAMA LIBRARY COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT

Halt rising rents and rampant gentrification by passing a CBA for Washington Park, Woodlawn, South Shore, and surrounding neighborhoods that would set aside 75% vacant lands for affordable housing for households between \$25-\$40K, provide dedicated TIF money towards affordable housing, invest in homeownership for people making \$70K, and guarantee right of first offer for tenants.



The Obama CBA Ordinance is sponsored by Aldermen Jeanette Taylor. For more information, call Alex Goldenberg at Southside Together for Power (STOP) at (773) 543.9153.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX FOR HOMELESSNESS



Provide affordable housing and services to address homelessness by increasing the real estate transfer tax on high-end properties, and using a portion for a dedicated revenue to housing and wrap-around services while also helping to fill the budget deficit. Over 86,000 Chicagoans are currently experiencing homelessness, a majority of which are living in doubled up situations, and over 20,000 CPS students. Mayor Lori Lightfoot committed to this idea during her campaign and the current proposal has the support of over 35 members of the Illinois General Assembly.

HB4826 is sponsored by Representative Delia Ramirez. For more information, contact Mary Tarullo at Chicago Coalition for the Homeless at (773) 906-3427.

LIFT THE BAN ON RENT CONTROL

Address the exorbitant rent increases that are pushing working-class Black and Brown people out of their communities and out of Chicago, by repealing the 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act and regulating rent increases for all residential rental property. Rent control is the most immediate and cost-effective way to address this statewide crisis. More than 40 members of the General Assembly support lifting the ban on rent control.



The HB255 repeal bill is sponsored by Representatives Mary Flowers and Will Guzzardi. For more information, contact Jawanza Malone at Kenwood Oakwood Community Organization (KOCO) at (312) 805-4326.

DEMOCRATIZE COMED TO LOWER UTILITY COSTS



End the power shut offs to over 218,000 people each year and assist the 90% of low-income families who are currently struggling with utility bills by establishing a democratically-controlled, municipal utility committed to a greener and fairer energy future. With a municipal utility, we will invest in clean energy, improve transparency, bring relief to struggling Chicagoans, and reinvest profits back into our communities, rather than shareholders' pockets.

For more information, contact Emily Mikhail at Chicago Democratic Socialist of America at (214) 202-2178

TIF MONEY BACK TO COMMUNITIES, NOT DEVELOPERS

Put money back into divested neighborhoods instead of continuing to use TIF funds for handouts to developers who are gentrifying neighborhoods, leading to rising rents. Handing the TIF reform conversation over to AECOM, as the Mayor has proposed, will lead to deepening inequalities. The people of Chicago should be making the rules, not multinational corporations. For more information, contact Nathan Ryan at Grassroots Collaborative at (920) 445-3920.



CORPORATE HEAD TAX TO FUND SOLUTIONS



While the city faces an annual budget deficit of a billion dollars and claims there is not money for bold solutions to end poverty, some of Chicago's largest corporations have a .2% tax rate, compared the average working family at 4.9% Reinststate the Corporate Head Tax, require the wealthy to pay their fair share, and fund the real solutions to ending poverty in a generation.

The Corporate Head Tax Ordinance is sponsored by Alderman Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez. Fore more information, contact Emma Tai at United Working Families at (773) 849-5590.