

# The Housing Continuum: Building A Vibrant Community

March 4, March 18, and April 1, 2019

Anchorage Museum Auditorium

- Please scroll down for links to the video and slides from all these events.
- Thank you to all our panelists, moderators, partners, and sponsors. You can find them listed here.

Anchorage faces a shortage of diverse housing options that are affordable for many of its residents. Ensuring citizens of all income levels, abilities, and phases of life have access to safe, quality, and affordable housing is critical to achieving a vibrant, economically thriving city that residents desire to live in for the long-term. Alaska Common Ground hosted a 3-part series and discussed the latest findings on Anchorage's housing needs—for today and the future—with a focus on workforce, senior, supportive, and low-income housing.

## **March 4 – The Current Supply & Demand**

We discussed the latest findings on Anchorage's housing needs—for today and the future—with a focus on workforce, millennials, senior, supportive, and low-income housing. Listen to the audio here.

Moderated by Thea Agnew Bemben of Agnew::Beck

- Carol Gore, Cook Inlet Housing Authority – Slides
- Janelle Pfleiger, RE/MAX Dynamic Properties – Slides
- Jasmine Khan, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness – Slides
- Mark Romick, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation- Slides
- Moira Gallagher, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation – Slides

*Alaska Common Ground is at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center tonight for the first of our housing series. Tune in as our panel discusses Anchorage's #housingcontinuum and the housing we have, what our community wants, and what we need to have a thriving and vibrant city.*

*Posted by Alaska Common Ground on Monday, March 4, 2019*

## **March 18 – Housing Supply: What are the Barriers?**

We learned about the current challenges to addressing Anchorage's priority housing needs. Listen to the audio from KSKA [here](#).

Moderated by Thea Agnew Bemben of Agnew::Beck

- Shanna Zuspan, Agnew::Beck – Slides
- Tyler Robinson, Cook Inlet Housing Authority – Slides
- Michelle McNulty, Municipality of Anchorage – Slides
- Tim Potter, DOWL
- Greg Cerbana, Weidner Apartment Homes – Slides

March 18th event was recorded in three segments you can find below.

- The first includes our welcome, Thea's introduction, and the start of Shanna Zuspan's presentation (and is unfortunately sideways!).
- The second includes the rest of Shanna's presentation through Tim Potter's presentation.
- The third segment is Greg Cerbana's presentation.

*Alaska Common Ground is at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center for the second event in our housing series on Anchorage's "housing continuum." We are excited to welcome experts from the public and private sectors to speak about housing innovations – and challenges – in meeting our*

*community's unique supply and demand issues.*

*Posted by Alaska Common Ground on Monday, March 18, 2019*

*Watch panelists Shanna Zuspan (Agnew : : Beck Consulting); Tyler Robinson (Cook Inlet Housing Authority); Michelle McNulty (Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department); and Tim Potter (DOWL) in the second event in our housing series on Anchorage's housing continuum/*

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*Watch panelist Greg Cerbana (Weidner Apartment Homes) and panel discussion with audience Q and A, moderated by Thea Agnew Bemben (Agnew : : Beck Consulting).*

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## **April 1 – Opportunities & Solutions**

We discussed what policies and efforts are already underway, or are needed, to address priority areas as well as ways community members can get involved.

Moderated by Tanya Iden of Agnew::Beck

- Robin Ward, Municipality of Anchorage – Slides
- Chris Schutte, Municipality of Anchorage – Slides
- Bryan Butcher, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Slides
- John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly – Slides
- Dick Mandsager, Rasmuson Foundation – Slides

*We are at our third and final event in our housing series*

*this evening at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center with representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors discussing opportunities for bridging the gaps in Anchorage's current housing continuum. We have so enjoyed presenting and participating in this conversation with you – thank you for your interest and engagement.*

*Posted by Alaska Common Ground on Monday, April 1, 2019*

Resources for more information:

*Under US housing policies, homeowners mostly win, while renters mostly lose*

*Both renters and homeowners could benefit from better housing policy*

*Nine rules for better housing policy*

The mortgage interest deduction is the largest housing tax subsidy in the U.S. and more than HUD's total department budget.

Matthew Desmond, article in the Atlantic  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2017/05/shame-mortgage-interest-deduction/526635/>

538.com,  
economics of the mortgage interest deduction as a tax incentive  
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-tax-deductions-economists-hate/>

Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

piece

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/mortgage-interest-deduction-is-ripe-for-reform>

Tax Policy Center

piece

<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/what-are-largest-tax-expenditures>

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