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Can We Talk about Affordable Housing? Fears, Facts and the Future

Affordable housing is a challenge for our community. From 3rd Ward to Berewick, from Ballantyne to Ayrley, people have concerns about where affordable housing is being built and how decisions are made about its location.

If you would like to discuss your position on affordable housing with others, please join us for an interactive community dialogue - **“Can We Talk About Affordable Housing: Fears, Facts and the Future?”** on either:

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Harrison United Methodist
1508 Lancaster Highway
Charlotte, NC 28277

7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 East Morehead
Charlotte, NC 28204

Welcome

James Mitchell, *City Council, District 2*
Chair – Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee

Moderators

Warren Cooksey, *City Council, District 7*
Vi Alexander Lyles, *The Lee Institute*

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Brian Collier, *Senior VP, Foundation for The Carolinas*
Vi Alexander Lyles, *The Lee Institute*

Panelists

Debra Campbell, *C-M Planning Director*
Ned Curran, *President, The Bissell Companies*
Rodney Sadler, *Professor, Union Seminary*

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David Jones, *Attorney, K&L Gates*
Judy Schindler, *Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth El*

Concerns and questions to be addressed at both dialogues include:

- What is “affordable housing?” How does it differ from “public housing?”
- Who determines where affordable housing is located in Charlotte-Mecklenburg? What rights do neighborhoods and individuals have?
- What impact will affordable housing have on my property values? Will it change the demographics of my neighborhood?
- What moral and ethical issues are raised as we make decisions about affordable housing?

Citizen feedback from these dialogues will be shared with the City Council, Neighborhood and Business Services and the Charlotte Housing Authority.

To RSVP for one or both events, please contact Renee Thompson
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