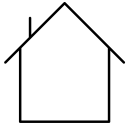


# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



## Affordable Housing What are we hearing?



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Rent as the highest percentage of monthly expenses comes at the cost of not being able to afford other needs like costs for a doctor to fill out AISH paperwork or basic home repairs or fluctuating energy bills. It's challenging if not impossible to only spend 30% or lower of monthly income on housing when you are living in poverty.

We need more housing and fewer barriers to access affordable housing. Not everyone qualifies for help, even if they need it.

The landlord-tenant relationship in affordable housing presents a lot of fear for the tenant. Tenants are afraid to make complaints or reinforce rights.

Living in affordable housing often leads to labelling and stigmatization.

Available affordable housing is often in disrepair.

During COVID-19, extra security measures were put in many affordable housing buildings. This is something we should keep as it's difficult to find safe, secure and affordable housing in our city.

Enough affordable housing doesn't exist.

A basic income could improve housing options.

Things need to change.

### Enough for All Lever of Change - Housing

Access to affordable and appropriate housing decreases the likelihood that families and individuals will fall into or remain in poverty. As housing should cost no more than 30 percent of a person's total income, a 'total housing spectrum' should be developed to ensure all people are housed in a dignified way and homelessness is prevented.

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