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Wednesday, October 6, 2021, - Virtual Event

REDEVELOPING THE SUBURBS, RE-ENVISIONING THE SUBURBS AFTER COVID - 11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Postwar U.S. suburbs like Levittown, N.Y., now approaching its 75th anniversary, long served as archetypes of large-scale suburban development. Widely-circulated images and narratives of low-density, mass-produced suburban tract housing, segregated land uses, and racial exclusion concealed intra- and international variation in the built form, governance, and experience of suburban life. Today several factors are driving policymakers, builders, planners, and community activists to re-envision and redevelop older suburbs. This session will consider the prospects for equitable and sustainable suburban development and redevelopment at the regional, national, and international scales.

Participants:

Jorge Gonçalves, Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon

Willow Lung-Amam, Associate Professor of Urban Studies and Planning, University of Maryland

Murat Ucoglu, Researcher, York University

David Garten, SVP, Corporate Communications, ESG, & External Affairs

Paul Gibson, President, Uniondale Community Land Trust

Moderator: Christopher W. Niedt, Associate Professor of Applied Social Research, Department of Sociology, Hofstra University

FAIR HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE SUBURBS: WHERE DO WE STAND? - 2:45-4:15 p.m.

The last five years have been challenging for fair and affordable housing advocates. The Trump Administration consistently targeted affordable housing funds for elimination, effectively repealed the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, and attempted to use suburban fair housing as a wedge issue in the 2020 campaign. At the same time, the Black Lives Matter movement drew public attention to structural racism and inequality. And most recently, Covid has added economic uncertainty to the work of both affordable housing producers and to the market-rate projects that might have supplied mandated inclusionary units. The supposed post-Covid “flight to the suburbs” and the shift to remote work raise new questions regarding the nature of housing demand, commuting, and generational preferences for urban and suburban living. How have advocates and affordable housing developers adjusted their strategies to this changed landscape? Do our policy priorities at the local, state, and federal levels need to change?

Participants:

Elaine Gross, President, ERASE Racism

Gwen O’Shea, President and CEO, Community Development Corporation of Long Island

Katrell Lewis, Vice-President, Habitat for Humanity of New York City and Westchester County

Moderator: Martine Hackett, Associate Professor of Population Health, Hofstra University

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