

**Affordable Housing Commission**  
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6:30 pm

New Haven's Efforts to Combat Evictions Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 936 7529 9367

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**Attendance:** Karen DuBois Walton, Ebony McCleave, Serena Neal Sanjuro, Rebecca Corbett

**City Officials:** Michael Piscitelli (Economic Development), Kevin Alvarez (Legislative Affairs), Wildaliz Bermudez (Fair Rent Commission)

**Presenter:** Erin Kemple, Executive Director of Connecticut Center for Fair Housing

**Agenda:**

- **Meeting Logistics**
  - Potential schedule change of meeting times
    - Facilitator will send out a survey to pinpoint a better meeting time for the Commission.
  
- **Hebron's efforts to create 300 or more affordable housing units**
  - New Haven housing advocates and developers partnered with Hebron's housing advocates and St. Peter's Episcopal Church to purchase 45 acres of land for the creation of affordable housing units.
    - Click video for further information, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAC1xpOhb0>
  
- **CASTLE and New Haven Emergency Housing Response Updates** *(shared by Shancia Jarrett on behalf of Executive Director Arlevia Samuel of LCI)*
  - As of April 26, 2022, New Haven CASTLE housing assistance program has -
    - Assisted 68 households
    - 25 out of the 68 households were not eligible to receive assistance.
    - 15 applications were returned (No response from tenant or landlord denied entry to program)
    - 25 In que - 3 Need to be reviewed; 22 applications are missing documents.
    - 8 were withdrawn (landlord Tenant arrangement)
    - 141 Applications Received to Date
    - Funds Paid Out: \$605,000
    - Balance remaining in Castle Account is \$195,000 of \$800.000
  
- **Efforts to combat evictions** (led by Erin Kemple)
  - Statistics on Evictions
    - The Nation's Housing Crisis is divided by race.

- 2019 data disparities-
  - 58% of Black and African American families rent
  - 53% of Hispanic and Latinx families rent
  - 30% of white families rent
- Connecticut's Rental Housing Crisis results in discriminatory housing policies in addition to impact of COVID-19.
  - 65.8% of Hispanic and Latinx families rent their homes
  - 60.5% of Black and African American families rent their homes
- Forecast on evictions
  - As of April 11, 2022 (Connecticut)
    - 90,254 renters reported they were not caught up on rent
    - 17% Latino
    - 23% Black
    - 48% Asian
    - 11% of White
  - 53,872 renters reported no confidence in ability to pay rent next month (May)
  - Evictions- From 1/1/2022 to 4/25/2022 (New Haven)
    - Approximately 554 eviction cases were filed in New Haven.
    - In 2021, 10.58% of Connecticut's evictions were filed in New Haven.
  - Foreclosures- From 1/1/2022 to 4/25/2022
    - Approximately 120 mortgage lenders filed foreclosure procedures in New Haven.
    - In 2021, 4.78% of the state's foreclosures occurred in New Haven.
- **Proposed policies to combat evictions.**
  - Good cause for eviction protections (H.B. 5233), <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/BA/PDF/2022HB-05233-R000107-BA.PDF>
    - Protects renters from displacement.
    - Landlords are protected under H.B. 5233
    - Protects renters from discrimination
    - Helps tenants assert their rights to safe housing.
  - Increase administrative support and financial resources to CASTLE and New Haven's Legal Aid
  - Continue marketing CASTLE
  - Creation of a rent bank
  - MyHomeCT/CHFA
    - A mortgage relief program for homeowners that provides legal support and up to 12 monthly assistances. (Maximum payout of \$30,000)
  - Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program/ CHFA

- Provides up to 60 months of mortgage assistance for homeowners.