



Clayton County Housing Forum

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | Noon-1:30 p.m.

Welcome!



While you eat: networking prompts

Turn to someone you haven't met yet and share:

What makes your corner of Clayton County feel like home?

What would help more of your neighbors stay and thrive there?



About HouseATL

HouseATL advances equitable housing outcomes for people in metro Atlanta by leading cross-sector collaboration and advocating for affordable housing policies and solutions. Our members envision metro Atlanta as a thriving and diverse region, where people at all income levels have housing choices and can live with dignity, for generations to come.



500

**MEMBERS FROM
235 ORGANIZATIONS**



6

**WORKING
GROUPS**



8

**GUIDING
PRINCIPLES**



23

**DATA-DRIVEN
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Agenda

15 min

Check-in and lunch

5 min

Welcome, agenda overview and acknowledgements
Natalie Keiser, Executive Director, HouseATL

5 min

Housing context and today's charge
Mandala Jones, CEO, Develop Clayton

30 min

Mayor's Roundtable: Inclusive Growth, Downtown Revitalization and Housing Affordability
Moderated by Chairwoman Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry

15 min

Audience Q&A

20 min

Housing Strategy Next Steps and Sample Projects
Tate Wilson, Managing Director, KB Advisory Group and James Brooks, CEO, Boulevard Group

Housing context and today's charge



Mandala Jones

CEO, Develop Clayton

Chair, Clayton County Housing Task Force

Housing context and today's charge



Inclusive growth

Growth that welcomes current and new residents at every income level



Downtown revitalization

Vibrant downtowns where people can live, work and gather



Housing affordability

Homes within reach for the people who keep our cities running

As you listen: Where can our cities move from plan to action together?

Meet the roundtable



Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry

Chairwoman, Clayton County Board of
Commissioners

MODERATOR



**Mayor Ronald
Dodson**

City of Lake City



**Mayor Marci
Fluellyn**

City of Lovejoy



**Mayor Donya L.
Sartor, Ed.D.**

City of Jonesboro

Meet the moderator



Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry

**Chairwoman, Clayton County Board of
Commissioners**

- First woman and first African American to chair the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, which she joined in October 2021
- Former District 8 representative, vice chair and chairwoman of the Clayton County Board of Education
- Has championed economic development, job fairs and attainable housing; her leadership has helped bring more than 3,000 jobs to residents
- Atlanta native mentored by Maynard Jackson, Andrew Young and Shirley Franklin; former teacher, assistant principal and literacy coach with a doctorate in educational leadership

Meet the mayors



Mayor Ronald Dodson

City of Lake City

- Mayor of Lake City for eight years, after two terms on the City Council
- U.S. Army veteran; served six terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and on the Clayton County Board of Commissioners
- Former chairman of the Clayton County Housing Authority and several community boards, including Rainbow House Children's Shelter
- Recipient of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

Meet the mayors



Mayor Marci Fluellyn

City of Lovejoy

- Serving Lovejoy since 2007: City Council Post 1, three terms as mayor pro tem and mayor since 2024
- Championed the annual Fall Festival, youth mentoring, downtown murals, a food truck park and expanded city and community gardens
- Priorities include housing, workforce development and Lovejoy's resident-informed five-year comprehensive plan
- Represents Clayton County's seven municipalities with the Atlanta Regional Commission; former director of global procurement

Meet the mayors



Mayor Donya L. Sartor, Ed.D.

City of Jonesboro

- Georgia native and Jonesboro resident for more than 20 years, with more than 25 years in education
- Degrees from Emory University, Clark Atlanta University and Georgia State University
- Launched an annual school supply giveaway, Adopt-A-Senior Citizen for the Holidays and Jonesboro's first Juneteenth celebration
- Recipient of the 2022 Carl G. Rhodenizer Community Service Award from the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce

Today's conversation



Vision

How will residents at every income level live near work, recreation and the amenities they need?



Implementation

Which partnerships are moving the county housing strategy and local plans forward, and what obstacles remain?



Resident voice

How have residents shaped each city's vision, and what role will they play in its future?



New tools

What new tools and resources are cities seeking to expand housing and revitalize downtowns?



Q&A

Housing Strategy Next Steps and Sample Projects



James Brooks, AICP

President and CEO, Boulevard Group

Former deputy executive director for development at the Atlanta Housing Authority, where he led planning for Centennial Place and Villages at East Lake, national models for mixed-income communities.



Tate Wilson, AICP

Managing Director, KB Advisory Group

Planner and economic development specialist and former senior policy analyst with the Council for Quality Growth, she puts community input at the core of every project.

Thank you for joining us today!



Join us!

- **Today at noon:** Clayton County Housing Forum
- **Affordable Living Showcase**
November 20 & December 18
- **Next Member Convening**
February 2027 – stay tuned!
- **Affordable Housing Awards Luncheon**
April 21, 2027
- Join HouseATL and be active in a Working Group



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