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A Companion to Recommendations in Segregation in St. Louis: Dismantling the Divide

Segregation in St. Louis: Dismantling the Divide is a 115-page community-driven report on segregation and housing in St. Louis, created in partnership with ArchCity Defenders, Ascend STL Inc., Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC), Empower Missouri, Health Equity Works (formerly For the Sake of All), Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis, and Team TIF. The report presents an extensive history of our region’s use of segregation housing policies and practices and concludes with 11 key recommendations to dismantle our significant divides.

Download Segregation in St. Louis: Dismantling the Divide at healthequityworks.wustl.edu

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Affordable Housing Trust Fund Coalition
A coalition of community nonprofits and organizations advocating to increase funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund within the City of St. Louis.

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• Let your alderperson know that the affordable housing trust fund is vital for the City of St. Louis. You can find talking points online.
• Thank your alderperson for fully funding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in 2018 and express your hope to see even more support next year.

ArchCity Defenders
A non-profit civil rights law firm providing holistic legal advocacy and combating the criminalization of poverty and state violence against poor people and people of color.

Learn more about ArchCity Defenders online and through social media: Facebook & Twitter

Contact Jacki Langum | 314-361-8834 x. 1029 | jlangum@archcitydefenders.org

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• Share your contact information if you’d like to be involved in or donate to support housing advocacy efforts.
• Talk with your elected officials about the inclusion of affordable units in new housing developments.
• Advocate for the creation or maintenance of habitable, affordable housing in high-opportunity areas.

Ascend STL Inc.
A non-profit housing mobility program working with the large housing authorities in the St. Louis region to offer the Mobility Connection program to families with housing vouchers. Mobility Connection provides mobility counseling services to assist families with accessing housing in High Opportunity Areas where parents and children have the best chance to thrive.

Contact Janie Oliphant | 314-438-7859 | joliphant@ascendstl.org

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• Talk with your locally elected officials to discuss affordable housing in your community, especially the source of income non-discrimination policies that can protect families with housing choice vouchers.
• Contact Ascend STL as a landlord, property owner, or property manager in the St. Louis region to learn more about the process of accepting housing choice vouchers.

Empower Missouri
A non-profit advocating for the well-being of all Missourians through civic leadership, education, and research. Empower Missouri is committed to addressing the needs of our neighbors with low income by securing safe, affordable, and healthy homes for all.

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• Share your contact information if you would like to be involved when there is a call to action, press conference, testimony, event, or meeting with legislative staff.
• Contact us to find out more about our work or to join our new Missouri Affordable Housing Coalition.
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• Advocate for adding a Community Benefits Agreement to new developments happening in your neighborhood.
• Read the CBA Guidebook, which includes best practices for creating a Community Benefits Agreement.
• Host an informational session in your community about CBAs.

Equitable St. Louis
A coalition empowering residents to drive racially equitable development in the St. Louis region through the use of Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) that are community-based, legally binding, and enforceable by the community.
Learn more about Equitable STL through Facebook
Contact equitableSTL@gmail.com

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• Consider donating to this fund for community investment.

Invest STL
A regional initiative aligning investment, technical assistance, and community organizations to build healthy neighborhoods that are thriving, resilient, and livable for everyone.
Learn more about Invest STL online and through social media: Facebook & Twitter

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• Volunteer and train to become a tenant advocate or housing discrimination tester: http://ehocstl.org/get-involved/.
• Apply to intern with EHOC as a law, social work, public policy, non-profit administration or sociology student.
• Call 314-534-5800 if you or someone you know is experiencing housing discrimination.

Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC)
A non-profit fair housing agency seeking to ensure equal access to housing and places of public accommodation for all people through education, counseling, investigation, and enforcement.
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St. Louis Equal Housing and Community Reinvestment Alliance (SLEHCRA)
A coalition working to increase investment in low-and-moderate-income communities, regardless of race, and in minority communities, regardless of income ensuring that banks are meeting their obligations under Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and fair lending laws.
Learn more about SLEHCRA online and through Twitter
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GET INVOLVED!
• Become a member of SLEHCRA if you are a part of a community organization or neighborhood group passionate about increasing investment in low-and moderate income communities.

Team TIF
A coalition of community members seeking greater transparency and a racial equity lens for tax incentives and all City of St. Louis budgetary issues.
Learn more about Team TIF online and through social media: Facebook & Twitter

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• Monitor the tax incentives being proposed by your alderperson or city council member.
• Use social media to help spread awareness of how tax incentives are being used in your area and “tag” Team TIF in your tweets or posts.
• Attend city meetings on the allocation of tax incentives.

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healthyequityworks.wustl.edu

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