



Harris County and City of Houston
 COVID-19 Housing Stability Task Force
MEETING AGENDA

Friday August 28, 2020, 10am-12pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86993153034>

Goals:

At the end of this meeting, Task Force members will have a common understanding of:

- National trends in COVID-19 and racial disparities in housing
- Working Group progress
- Rental Assistance Program progress
- Eviction filings trends

10:00 – 10:10	WELCOME & UPDATE <i>Co-Chairs: Judge Jeremy Brown and Ric Campo</i>
10:10 – 10:25	OVERVIEW OF CURRENT WORK Update on Local Rental Assistance Programs <i>Armando Walle & Marvin Odum, County-City Recovery Czars</i> Update on Working Group Progress <i>Martha Macris & Jeff Stys, Houston LISC</i>
10:25-11:10	PRESENTATION: COVID 19 and Racial Disparities in Housing <i>Erika Poethig, Vice President and Chief Innovation Office: Urban Institute</i>
11:10 – 11:35	OVERVIEW OF SMALL GROUP WORK <i>Question: So, what do we do about it?</i>
11:35 –11:50	HIGHLIGHTS FROM SMALL GROUP WORK
11:50-11:55	UPDATE ON EVICTION FILLINGS <i>Jeff Reichman, January Advisors</i>
11:55 – 12:00	NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS <i>Judge Jeremy Brown, Ric Campo, Steven Dow</i>



Erika Poethig
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Erika Poethig is vice president and chief innovation officer at the Urban Institute. She leads the Research to Action Lab, which is an innovation hub serving decision makers and creative thinkers eager to effect social change.

Before joining Urban, Poethig was acting assistant secretary for policy, development, and research at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. During her tenure in the Obama administration, she was also deputy assistant secretary for policy development and was a leading architect of the White House Council for Strong Cities and Strong Communities. As associate director for housing at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, she developed grant making strategies focused on rental housing policy and research and research on how housing matters. In the 1990s, she was assistant commissioner for policy, resource, and program development at the City of Chicago's Department of Housing and developed Mayor Richard Daley's campaign to combat predatory lending, prevent foreclosures, and stabilize communities. Previously, she was associate project director of the Metropolis Project, which produced the Metropolis 2020 agenda for regional leadership around the major issues faced by metropolitan Chicago. Poethig serves on the boards of the Low Income Investment Fund, Mercy Housing, and the College of Wooster.

She was a Phi Beta Kappa member at the College of Wooster and a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Vienna, and she has an MA with honors in public policy from the University of Chicago.