



**Powderhorn Park  
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# **SOUTHSIDE SUMMIT**

## **S.MPLS / 2020**

### **HOUSING JUSTICE WORKSHOP NOTES**

**Monday, November 9th, 2020 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Zoom**

#### **Session Support (Via teleconference)**

- Panelists: Elianne Farhat, Executive Director (TakeAction MN), Chloe Jackson & Vanessa del Campo (Inquilinxs Unidxs Por Justicia)
- Moderator: Kelly Piatt, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) Board Member
- Graphic Artists: Jendayi Berry, and Studio Thalo
- PPNA Staff: Ashely Bradford (Event & Office Coordinator), Grace Berke (Community Coordinator), Hannah Kamath (Communications Manager), and Tabitha Montgomery (Executive Director)

#### **Workshop Purpose**

The purpose of the housing workshop is to better understand types of rental protections and new cooperative housing strategies that support affordability as paths to housing justice.

#### **Workshop Summary**

The meeting opened with a welcome and a thank you to all panelist, moderators, graphic notetakers and attendees.

Vanessa del campo and Chloe Jackson introduce themselves as community organizers for Inquilinxs Unidxs Por Justicia (IX)

Elianne introduces herself as the Executive Director of TakeAction MN

Elianne opens with her presentation. She speaks about how excited her organization is for co-op housing structures. She also spoke to increasing access and affordability by adding more people of color to the conversations.

Elianne Quote: There is no need for more big developers at the table making decisions for communities they do not live here. The issue is they do not know what the lower medium income is in communities.

Elianne ask speaks about solutions to the housing crisis and she would like to tax the rich. There is a sinful amount of money at the top and we should put that money in publicly funded systems.

Vanessa del campo and Chloe Jackson begin their presentation. Vanessa opens with empowerment should be held with communities making the decisions. The people should decide how to live. Vanessa Quote: A Sky without limits walks with empowerment for generations to come!

Chloe spoke about different ways to get involved with IX. One is supporting cooperative housing models and TOPA.

TOPA is The Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act. It was designed to protect renters from being kicked out of their homes by landlords who want to sell their property to make more money. Minneapolis has yet to pass TOPA, but this is an ongoing action IX is working towards.

### **Moderators ask Graphic Notetakers to share their progress**

#### **Moderator begins the structured Q&A session**

- 1) Why is increasing access to affordable housing critical in our community?
- 2) What needs to happen for the community to better understand the need for solutions that increase access to affordable and stable housing?
- 3) How can the community get involved in housing justice within your group?

#### **Moderator opens up the floor for audience Q&A session**

#### **Workshop Closes**

Tabitha closes meeting with thank you and updates attendees on other workshops coming up during the summit.