

## Housing & Neighborhoods

<p>How do we close the gap between the housing we need and the housing we have? And how do we tear down the silos to make sure that schools, grocery stores, and services are part of housing policy?</p>	<p>The <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/draft">Housing &amp; Neighborhoods</a> pillar provides goals and objectives that are specific to housing but also incorporate recommendations for neighborhood amenities like local businesses, parks, open spaces, healthy food and health care access. Read more about what is included in this pillar by reviewing the Draft Plan: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/draft">https://wewillchicago.com/draft</a>.</p>
<p>A lot of people who work on development don't know what We Will Chicago is. Why not just refer to it as the city plan?</p>	<p>The title of the draft citywide plan is “We Will Chicago: A framework plan for the city’s future.” The name is from one of Chicago’s earliest mottos “I will” reflecting the determination to rebuild following the Great Fire of 1871. “We will” indicates the need for us all to work together to lead the city’s 21<sup>st</sup> century revitalization. Learn more about the plan by visiting <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/draft">https://wewillchicago.com/draft</a>.</p>
<p>What budgetary and funding commitments do you have to implement your plan?</p>	<p>We Will Chicago does not allocate any funds. The plan is a framework to help City government make decisions moving forward, and may be used to help guide funding priorities in the future. If adopted by Plan Commission in 2023, implementation measures will include identifying and securing necessary budget allocations to advance the plan as needed.</p>
<p>Do we have informative research on the kind of services and community development strategies that work best in low-cost, high needs communities vs. high-cost, reinvesting communities experiencing issues of gentrification?</p>	<p>There is no specific research on services and community development strategies included as part of We Will Chicago. The plan is a framework to help City government make decisions going forward, to build a more equitable and resilient city.</p>
<p>Will getting the rent control ban overturned and instituting rent control be a part of the plan?</p>	<p>The <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/draft">Housing &amp; Neighborhoods</a> pillar includes goals and objectives aimed at preventing displacement and preserving and increasing affordable housing in Chicago. For more information on the policy ideas included in the H&amp;N pillar, please visit:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/we_will/WWC_PolicyIdeas_071422.pdf">https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/we_will/WWC_PolicyIdeas_071422.pdf</a></p> <p>To provide input on the draft goals and objectives check out the We Will calendar for in-person events: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/calendar">https://wewillchicago.com/calendar</a> or submit a survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a>.</p>
<p>For the third goal, that of preventing unnecessary and unjust displacement, has the city considered promoting the Just Cause for Eviction ordinance being promoted by community activists? We have hard evidence that thousands of Chicago families lose their housing each year through no fault of their own because we lack these protections, and passing this bill is one of the most surefire, effective mechanisms the city can use to make a difference in preserving existing communities.</p>	<p>The We Will Chicago plan includes objectives and goals that could be advanced to increase equity and resiliency in Chicago. The plan is a framework that does not detail the specific ordinances that will be promoted. For more information on the policy ideas for each pillar, please visit: <a href="https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/we_will/WWC_PolicyIdeas_071422.pdf">https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/we_will/WWC_PolicyIdeas_071422.pdf</a></p> <p>To provide input on the draft goals and objectives check out the We Will calendar for in-person events: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/calendar">https://wewillchicago.com/calendar</a> or submit a survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>
<p>Is the issue of climate change included in the plan?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Environment, Climate and Energy</a> is one pillar among many which includes climate change and environmental justice related goals and objectives. Several of the objectives align with and reinforce the recently released <a href="#">Chicago Climate Action Plan</a>.</p>
<p>Will the goal of increasing density (Goal 3) apply to Beverly/Morgan Park on the southwest side? I am a homeowner in this area and this goal would greatly benefit my neighborhood. (E)TOD would make sense in our area given the litany of Metra stations that line our community.</p>	<p>Yes. The whole plan will apply to all areas of the City.</p>
<p>Are there affordable housing requirements for ETODs, so that current residents are able to truly stay in the neighborhood?</p>	<p>The Affordable Requirement Ordinance (ARO) applies to many Equitable Transit Oriented Developments (they are subject to the same eligibility triggers and requirements of the ARO).</p>
<p>Will the plan have Key Performance Indicators or measurable goals that departments will report on?</p>	<p>Yes. The City is developing a dashboard to track progress on key metrics over time and are also going to publicly report on progress of implementation going forward.</p>
<p>What about all the crime? How can you invest with all this crime?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Public Health and Safety</a> pillar includes objectives around how to make a city where</p>

	<p>everyone can thrive without fear of violence. Advancing many of the draft goals and objectives across every pillar of the plan will address the root causes of violence and enable all residents to thrive.</p>
<p>Is there sufficient funding to support diverse development partners on South and West Sides?</p>	<p>We Will Chicago does not allocate any funds. The plan is a framework to help City government make decisions moving forward, and may be used to help guide funding priorities in the future.</p>
<p>Will the concept of "Connected Communities" include equitable and affordable broadband for live/work/education, as proven needed by the pandemic?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Transportation and Infrastructure</a> pillar includes goals and objectives around broadband.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Connected Communities Ordinance</a>, which was approved by City Council on July 20<sup>th</sup>, focused on promoting equitable transit-oriented development.</p>
<p>For ETOD to work, how do we fill the gaps in transit where there is no transit in some areas or the hours are limited?</p>	<p>Please review the <a href="#">Transportation and Infrastructure</a> pillar report for objectives related to transit access. Be sure to provide additional ideas and feedback via the survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>
<p>Are there goals to help fund cooperative development to increase the likelihood of ownership opportunities for middle income BIPOC community members who cannot afford to buy a house and do want to live in rental housing?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood</a> pillar includes objectives about supporting homeownership. Be sure to submit additional feedback on the pillar area surveys: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>
<p>Can the Chicago participants address how their programs will specifically address reducing homelessness?</p>	<p>Several <a href="#">proposed policy ideas</a>, across the pillar areas, relate to reducing homelessness and supporting individuals experiencing homelessness.</p>
<p>Is the City of Chicago planning on increasing and speed up demolition of properties that are eye soars and be on repair? So, developers can build new and modern homes.</p>	<p>We Will Chicago is a set of goals and objectives that will be used to guide decision-making in the City. It does not include specific ordinances or recommendations for departmental procedures. For more details, view the <a href="#">proposed policy ideas</a>.</p>
<p>Will the cumulative impact of industrial pollution be addressed in this plan?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Environment, Climate and Energy</a> pillar includes objectives around addressing the cumulative impacts of pollution.</p>
<p>Is anything is being done to remove minimum parking requirements, which are driving up the cost of housing, undermining density and walkability. They are a barrier of our own making and are especially detrimental in ADU development.</p>	<p>The City's <a href="#">Connected Communities Ordinance</a> approved in July 2022 expands relief from parking minimum requirements more broadly across the city. One objective and policy idea in the Housing &amp; Neighborhoods section includes examining the city's parking standards.</p>

<p>What are the plans to deal with the rising cost of property values?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood pillar</a> includes objectives on maintaining housing affordability, especially in Goal 2. Be sure to submit additional feedback on rising property values via the survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>
<p>Does the plan provide detail on which income levels are being targeted for affordable housing?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood pillar</a> includes objectives about housing affordability, and defines “severely rent-burdened” as households spending over 50% of their income on housing. However, the plan does not specify a target income group for affordable housing.</p>
<p>What protections and support will be given to small landlords?</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood pillar</a> includes objectives on maintaining housing affordability and policy ideas related to supporting small housing providers. Additional details have not been established at this time. Be sure to submit additional feedback via the survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>
<p>Will this plan involve long-term sustainability in housing? Have rising costs of energy been considered in the plan?</p>	<p>Please review the <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood pillar</a> and provide feedback about housing costs and sustainability. You may also wish to review Chicago’s recently released <a href="#">Climate Action Plan</a>, which directly addresses energy costs for homeowners.</p>
<p>Are there legal protections for tenants and others being displaced? There are often 30 days or less announcement for non-renewal of a lease.</p>	<p>More information about tenant rights can be found on the Department of Housing “<a href="#">For Renters</a>” page. Please review Goal 2 in the <a href="#">Housing &amp; Neighborhood pillar</a> and submit additional feedback on tenant protections via the survey: <a href="https://wewillchicago.com/surveys">https://wewillchicago.com/surveys</a></p>