



ATLANTA REGIONAL HOUSING FORUM

"The State of Housing: Federal, State and Local Perspectives"

9:30 am - 1:00 pm • December 3, 2003

Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community • 40 Courtland Street NE • Atlanta, Georgia 30303

PURPOSE

Housing growth has been strong during the past decade, but what does the future hold for the Atlanta region, the state and the nation? Housing costs are increasing faster than incomes. Even households with incomes well above the minimum wage are struggling to find housing that meets their needs, at costs they can afford.

The December forum will feature **Cushing Dolbeare**, who will present The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University's recently completed report – "The State of the Nation's Housing". This report finds that by most measures, 2002 was the strongest year for housing on record. Residential investment, home sales, homeownership rates, aggregate home equity and total mortgage debt all hit new highs. When the economy regains momentum and the lingering effects of the recession subside, housing is well-positioned for another solid decade.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cushing N. Dolbeare has been a full- or part-time Housing and Public Policy Consultant since 1971. She is currently a Senior Scholar at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. Her focus is on housing and low-income issues and developing the relevant policies and programs to adequately address these issues.

Ms. Dolbeare served on the Millennial Housing Commission, established by the Congress, to bring housing issues, especially affordable housing, to the forefront of national discourse. She was also founder and chair emeritus of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and currently serves on several boards and committees, including Alliance for Healthy Homes, Americans for Democratic Action and the Center for Housing Policy, to name only a few.

AGENDA

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Welcome - Lynn Brazen, Federal Home Loan Bank
10:05 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Cushing N. Dolbeare , Harvard University
11:00 a.m.	Bill Bolling facilitates panel discussion on "Local Affordability - Everyone's Issue"
12:00 p.m.	Break for lunch
12:20 p.m.	Roundtable discussion
12:45 p.m.	Report on roundtable discussions
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn

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The last regional housing forum this year will be December 3 at the same time and place.

Registration Form

Registration cost is \$10.00.

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