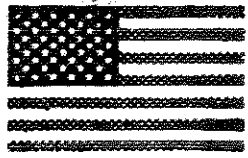


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## Clergy Association sponsors forum on future of Ravenswood

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 3:30 pm, at Queen of Angels Guild Hall, 4412 N. Western Ave., the Ravenswood Clergy Association will sponsor a forum on housing in Ravenswood. The principal speakers will be Josh Hoyte, Doug Dobbmeyer, and Sam Venturella, Ravenswood residents with expertise on the effects of home loans, the shortage of reasonable housing and property taxes in Ravenswood. Admission is free and discussion will be encouraged.

The purpose of the forum will be to help residents understand and articulate the changes occurring in home values, rents, taxes and sales in the area, who will be moving in and who will be moving out, and why. In addition, the forum will assist those persons interested in the future of Ravenswood to plan for the years ahead.

Josh Hoyte is vice president of The Woodstock Institute, which has made an extensive study of loans by banks and mortgage houses, and will speak on lending and mortgage practices in Chicago, and explain how those banking practices affect the community.

Doug Dobbmeyer will address the shortage of affordable housing, especially for the elderly, large families, or families with modest or low income, and how the policies of welfare and housing legislation affect Ravenswood and its surrounding areas.

Sam Venturella will deal with the property tax structure and the effects it has on Chicago and Ravenswood. He believes a "two-rate" tax structure, which taxes land at a higher rate than buildings or improvements, would encourage development and

help alleviate the current housing shortage.

Hoyte and his wife, Joanna, are residents of Ravenswood. He has been a lay missionary in Peru, a community organizer in Chicago, and in addition to being vice-president of the Woodstock Institute, is also president of the Citizens Utility Board.

Dobbmeyer, his wife, Candace, and their two children are also homeowners in the Ravenswood area. He has been president and board member of Voice of the People, a not-for-profit rehab corporation providing low-cost housing for families in Uptown.

Sam Venturella and his wife, Dorothy, are long-time homeowners in Ravenswood. He has taught on the high school and university level, ran the Vincent DePaul School of Charity here in

Chicago, and worked for the city's Dept. of Planning for twenty years, and the Economic Development Dept. for four years.

For more information, contact Rev. John J. Keehan at Queen of Angels Parish, 561-5118.