



**Grassroots Coalition of Birmingham  
Fair Housing Center of North Alabama**

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**The Residents Council of the Southtown Public Housing  
Community is holding a town hall meeting on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00  
pm on the Playground at Southtown.**

The town hall meeting is an opportunity for the residents to share their concerns on the proposed development of Southtown.

The Housing Authority of Birmingham has selected a company led by local developer Bayer Properties to lead the development.

The residents have many questions. The local developer and City Officials have failed to meet with the residents.

- How many residents will be invited to remain in Southtown?
- What is the relocation plan for the residents?
- When will the development plan be announced?
- How much will it cost to develop Southtown?
- Who will profit from the value added?

**Irene Johnson, Neighborhood Association President and Southtown Community President** will state the communities concerns regarding the proposed Southtown Redevelopment. **Director of the Fair Housing Center of North Alabama, Lila Hackett** will address the Southtown residents as well. Richard Rice, Public Interest Attorney, has filed a complaint with the HUD IG and is currently exploring filing a federal lawsuit based on violations of the Fair Housing Act to create accountability for the award of the Southtown development contract and the associated redevelopment planning process. Attorney Rice is active with several groups that are working to raise awareness about the concerns of the Southtown residents.

*We must first be the change we seek to create.*

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