



DATE: October 7, 2024

Missoula Community Invited to Housing and Land Use Conversation

The Montana Association of Planners and the City of Missoula invite the community to a lively panel discussion and lunch event, “Land Use in Montana: Housing, Development, and Community Needs.” Join special guest and nationally recognized planner Angela Brooks, FAICP, the current President of the American Planning Association (APA), along with local perspective from Missoula.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 10

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Zootown Arts Community Center, 216 W. Main St. and online via webinar.

Panelists include:

- Angela D. Brooks, FAICP, President, American Planning Association
- Andrew Hagemeyer, Legislative Committee Chair, Montana Association of Planners
- Brittany Palmer, Executive Director, North Missoula Community Development Corporation
- Justin Metcalf, Wishcamper Development Partners
- Mike Nugent, Land Use and Planning Committee Chair, Missoula City Council
- Moderated by Eran Pehan, Director, City of Missoula Community Planning, Development & Innovation
- Register for the in-person event and lunch [here](#).
- For residents unable to attend in person, register and attend via webinar [here](#).

Learn about local efforts in the affordable housing and planning space; examine how national trends compare to local challenges and what lessons Missoula can learn and offer; and hear from staff and partners of the [Our Missoula: Growth Policy Update & Code Reform](#) project in advance of the release of the draft Land Use Plan.

Low supply and high demand are driving a continued surge in housing prices in the Missoula market. The housing supply shortage is not just felt in Missoula, but the nation is [short nearly 4 million housing units](#). Planners are addressing housing affordability and the supply shortage through locally led reforms to increase production and reduce costs, while preserving what residents love about their cities. Recognizing there is not a one-size-fits-all solution, each community must tailor their solutions to match their unique character and needs. Solutions can include adaptive reuse, eliminating parking minimums, or advancing accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Brooks is director of the Illinois office of the Corporation for Supportive Housing and has dedicated her career to improving housing options and ensuring equitable access to safe and affordable housing. She co-chairs a national partnership between APA and the National League of Cities called the [Housing Supply Accelerator](#) to improve local capacity, identify critical solutions and



speed reforms to increase the housing supply. She is the first Black female to be elected president of APA, a 40,000-member organization committed to advancing better and more just communities through good planning.

The [Montana Association of Planners \(MAP\)](#), a chapter of the American Planning Association, is an association of professional planners from public, private, and nonprofit entities that works with a variety of partners to guide state policy outcomes that will benefit Montana's communities, economies, and landscapes. MAP focuses on the tools and processes that give communities the opportunity to utilize planning as a positive and proactive way to address change in our cities, counties, and towns.

Questions about the event can be directed to:

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