

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE TO LIFT THE BAN ON RENT CONTROL

Stop skyrocketing rents. Protect Illinois communities.

The **Lift the Ban Coalition** formed in 2017 to advocate for the economic well-being and stability of Illinois families through the repeal of the Rent Control Preemption Act of 1997.

The coalition comprises more than 35 grassroots community groups, political organizations, nonprofits and labor unions across Illinois.



Illinois communities are unaffordable

In the six years since the Lift the Ban coalition formed, rents have skyrocketed. From gentrifying Chicago neighborhoods, to suburbs and small cities, to rural manufactured housing communities, working and middle class residents are being pushed out of their homes.

Nearly a quarter of Illinois renters are severely rent burdened, meaning they spend at least half their monthly income on rent.

- **Rent and inflation have far outpaced wage growth in Illinois.** At the current minimum wage, renters would have to work nearly 100 hours per week to afford a two bedroom apartment.
- **Federal relief aid has lulled Illinois into a false sense of security.** When federal dollars dry up in 2024, Illinois faces a catastrophic housing crisis that our state is wholly unequipped to tackle.
- **Local policymakers need access to a broad swath of tools to implement policies that work for their communities.** There is no one-size-fits-all approach to housing policy. To combat the housing crisis, communities need access to every tool at their disposal.

44%

of Illinois renters are rent burdened, spending at least 30% of their income on rent.

24%

of Illinois renters are extremely rent burdened, spend at least half their income on rent.

The Let the People Decide to Lift the Ban on Rent Control Act will:

- Empower local voters to decide through a binding referendum how municipalities fight skyrocketing rents, keep communities affordable and stop displacement.
- Expand legal protections for renters and landlords, including:
 - Procedures related to making repairs, withholding or deducting rent, breaking a lease and giving landlords access to units.
 - Prohibition on retaliation against tenants.

Please support the Let the People Decide to Lift the Ban on Rent Control Act. Return power to local voters, stop skyrocketing rents and protect Illinois communities.



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The Lift the Ban Coalition includes:

- 12th Ward IPO
- 22nd Ward IPO
- 25th Ward IPO
- 33rd Ward Neighbors for Justice
- Access Living
- Action Now
- AFGE Local 0911
- Autonomous Tenants Union
- Chicago Democratic Socialists of America
- Chicago Housing Initiative
- Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law
- Chicago Teachers' Union
- Coalition for Equitable Community Development
- Common Cause Illinois
- Faith Coalition for the Common Good
- Jane Addams Senior Caucus
- Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization
- Lawyers Committee for Better Housing
- Lugenia Burns Hope Center
- Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois
- Manufactured Housing Action
- Metropolitan Tenants Organization
- Neighbors for Affordable Housing on the Northwest Side
- Northside Action for Justice
- Northwest Side Housing Center
- ONE Northside
- People for Community Recovery
- Pilsen Alliance
- Quad Cities Interfaith
- SEIU Health Care IL/IN
- SEIU Local 1
- Somos Logan Square
- UChicago Against Displacement
- Únete La Villita
- United Nations Association of Chicago
- United Neighbors of the 35th Ward
- United Working Families
- Westside Health Authority



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