



## Maryland Attorney General's COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force

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### AGENDA

#### Housing Security Committee

June 30, 2020

Item	Description	Time Allotted	Notes
1.	Call to Order and Introductions	20 minutes	
2.	Open Meetings Act Discussion	5 minutes	
2.	Overview of Committee Approach and Composition	15 minutes	<p>Discuss three-phased approach to our mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Phase 1</u>: Addressing Evictions, Rental Assistance, Tax Sales and Cumulative Late Fees</li><li>• <u>Phase 2</u>: Addressing the Courts Process and Access to Legal Assistance (dockets, ADR, relief programs, legal assistance – pro bono, low bono, lawyer in the lobby)</li><li>• <u>Phase 3</u>: Preparing Legislative Recommendations for longer term relief and needed policy changes</li></ul> <p>Ask for suggestions on additional members</p>
3.	Mission Statement, Vision, Values, and Scope Discussion	15 minutes	Provide input on mission statement to guide the development of goals and define success

			<p><b>a.</b> Identify key areas and issues of concern within our substantive area that have been created or exacerbated by the pandemic</p> <p><b>b.</b> Draft Mission Statement: “To keep Marylanders housed, safe, and secure by ensuring access to the civil legal process, providing avenues to legal assistance and proposing new policies to address novel issues presented in the wake of COVID-19.”</p> <p><b>c.</b> The Housing Security Committee will identify and propose to solve gaps, barriers, and other challenges in Maryland’s legal system that impede residents’ ability to maintain safe, healthy housing during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee confronts and assesses these impediments in a framework of economic justice and race equity. Our work will focus on multiple fronts that address the needs of both renters and homeowners, including access to rent/mortgage relief programs, fair and equitable adjudication of eviction and foreclosure actions, and legislative recommendations for long-term relief.</p>
4.	Upcoming deadlines and identification of deliverables	30 minutes	<p>Discussion of Committee expectations</p> <p><b>a.</b> Identify key deliverables – what ideas do people have, what needs are already identified, what target audiences are we focused on for each phase and need, and then what is the final deliverable.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Identify time frames (likely dictated by meeting schedule of full taskforce)</p> <p><b>b.</b> Identify plan for success (possible subcommittees, breakout groups, etc.)</p>
5.	Set time for upcoming meetings and adjourn	5 minutes	Need to find a time for a standing meeting when most people can meet. Will set up Doodle – please vote