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## **JUST RELEASED: FROM THE GROUND UP Housing as a Catalyst for Community-Driven Redevelopment of Chicago's Majority-Black Woodlawn Neighborhood**

A research report with national By Amy Khare, Leila Fiester, Sherise McKinney, Alexandra Curley, April Jackson and Bertram Melix College



**“As years have passed, I have seen major changes. We became one community together. The neighborhood became safer. I have seen the young people become**

**more community-minded."** — Ms. Jeanne Clark, long-time community resident of Woodlawn, as featured in *From the Ground Up: Housing as a Catalyst for Community-Driven Redevelopment of Chicago's Majority-Black Woodlawn Neighborhood*

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NIMC recently released a series of [publications](#) on the redevelopment of the Woodlawn neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois. On March 3, 2022, NIMC's Research Director Dr. Amy Khare, and University of Illinois - Chicago Associate Professor and NIMC Research Affiliate, Dr. April Jackson [joined a panel](#) of incredible Chicago community development colleagues to discuss and reflect on the research findings featured in the recent research report and companion brief on the Woodlawn neighborhood in Chicago.



## NOTES FROM THE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Amy Khare, Research Director**

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"One important implication from this study is the need to maximize benefits for original community members including Black people and People of Color, assume that the original community members will not experience benefits unless there are efforts to share power with them in the process of neighborhood change."

### Terrance Miller, Community Leader and Resident:

"Currently the robust transition of development has been a wonderful thing for the community at large but change is always difficult, and a challenge for residents. Although change is good, it can be frightening, one of the concerns that long term residents have is about displacement."

"I would love to see a robust business corridor in the community, a walkable community, like we used to have years ago. I'm very optimistic about everything going on in Woodlawn. I know we are going to have to do a lot of hand holding with residents to make them feel comfortable and not threatened by the changes."

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### Sharing these important findings:

Dr. Khare, Dr. Jackson and Dr. Alex Curley presented these findings to the HUD Choice Neighborhood Initiative program office. Dr. Khare and Dr. Jackson presented these findings to the White House Urban Equitable Development Interagency Policy Council and will be meeting with local Woodlawn residents in the coming weeks in roundtable discussions in Chicago.

**Check out the press around the event [here](#).**

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