Conversation Guide

Livability: Affordable Housing, Transportation and Cost of Living

Chicago is one of the greatest cities in the world. Visitors from around the globe like to visit Chicago, major companies have their headquarters here, and Lake Michigan is one of the best natural attractions that any city could have. It is also home to about 2.7 million people from very diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

In selecting this topic, your Table will discuss whether Chicago is an affordable city for all of its residents. Consider affordable housing, public transportation, taxes and other costs of living in Chicago.

If Chicago is to remain a world-class city in the years to come, then it must be affordable for all individuals and families. If some residents struggle to live a good quality of life because of their zip code, then all residents suffer.

Here are some resources to assist you as you prepare to discuss affordability for those who live and work in the Chicago area.

- Chicago is 4th most livable city in the U.S.
- New Chicago task force report has guidelines for shared mobility and AV policy
- Why are millennials leaving Chicago?

Here are some suggested questions for your Table discussion:

1. True or false? If Chicago is to remain a world-class city in the years to come, then it must be affordable for all individuals and families.

2. What makes Chicago an affordable city in which to live?

3. Is there enough attractive affordable housing in Chicago?

4. Does the CTA make easy to get around in the Chicago area?

5. True or false? If some residents struggle to live a good quality of life because of their zip code, then all residents suffer.

6. What could be done to make the city a more affordable place to live for more people?

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