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WOMEN & HOUSING PUBLIC DISCUSSION

*The Women's Policy Board of Jane Addams Hull House Association to host
"Women & Housing: Choices & Challenges" Public Discussion on September 29, 2006*

CHICAGO (September 21, 2006) – Jane Addams Hull House Association will host a free panel discussion entitled **Women & Housing: Choices & Challenges** that will focus on the challenges women face in finding safe, quality and affordable housing. The event will take place at DePaul University Commons at 2324 N. Fremont. The event begins with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and the program will run from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Does She Really Have a Choice?

The housing market presents challenges to women who earn low salaries. What about women with special needs and circumstances? What if she is an ex-offender or a victim of domestic violence? What if she is homeless?

Panel Discussion: What Public Policies Have Created This Housing Environment?

Where is the intersection between international, federal, state and city housing policies and its impact on the metropolitan Chicago area?

Speakers include:

- Representative Julie Hamos, State of Illinois, 18th District
- Alderman Toni Preckwinkle, City of Chicago, 4th Ward
- Janet Smith, Director, Nathalie Voorhees Center for Neighborhood & Community Involvement, University of Illinois at Chicago

The Women's Policy Board of Jane Addams Hull House Association was created in April, 2006 in an effort to discuss the challenges and issues that impact women. Board members meet on a monthly basis, host a yearly symposium and release a position paper focusing on the year's topic.

Please RSVP to the special events hotline at 312-235-5384 or e-mail advocacy@hullhouse.org

For additional information about these events, please contact Terri Johnson, Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy at 312-235-5391 or visit www.hullhouse.org

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