

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** March 10, 2022  
Scott Smith, Chief Communications Officer  
Cook County Assessor's Office  
312-919-3213 / [scott.smith@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:scott.smith@cookcountyil.gov)

### Racial Equity and Real Estate Conversations with Sherman "Dilla" Thomas

**CHICAGO-** In this month's edition of *Racial Equity and Real Estate Conversations*, Assessor Fritz Kaegi will host a candid conversation that will focus on historical connections to the work of property tax reform and the challenges and opportunities of getting it right. Chicago's renowned TikTok urban historian, [Sherman "Dilla" Thomas](#) will help unpack themes such as addressing the racial wealth gap, **disparities in homeownership, and how to keep people of color from leaving Cook County.**

#### Panelists:

- Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi
- Chicago Urban Historian, Sherman "Dilla" Thomas
- Director of Outreach, Cook County Assessor's Office, Kelwin Harris (moderator)

**Event:** Racial Equity and Real Estate Conversation

**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

**RSVP:** Register on [Eventbrite](#)

If you are interested in attending, please [RSVP on Eventbrite](#). For all press inquiries contact Chief Communications Officer Scott Smith at [scott.smith@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:scott.smith@cookcountyil.gov) or 312.603.7322.



The poster features a dark background with a row of houses. At the top, the Cook County Assessor's Office logo is visible. The main title "RACIAL EQUITY & REAL ESTATE CONVERSATIONS" is in large white letters, with the date and time "Friday, March 11, 2022 | 6:00 PM" in yellow below it. Three portrait photos of the panelists are shown: Fritz Kaegi, Sherman "Dilla" Thomas, and Kelwin Harris. Below each photo is their name and title. At the bottom, a yellow registration link is provided.

COOK COUNTY  
ASSESSOR'S  
OFFICE

**RACIAL EQUITY & REAL ESTATE CONVERSATIONS**  
Friday, March 11, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Fritz Kaegi, Assessor  
Cook County

Shermann "Dilla" Thomas  
Chicago Urban Historian

Kelwin Harris  
Cook County Assessor's Office

Register at [bit.ly/racialequityandrealstate311](https://bit.ly/racialequityandrealstate311)