

*Gentrification: A Community and Personal Account* by Angie Calvert

Gentrification is a growing social phenomenon in neighborhoods surrounding central Indianapolis. New urban residents are moving from quiet suburban cul-de-sacs to experience the hustle and bustle of the city life. People are seeking neighborhoods close in proximity to their Downtown jobs, while enjoying the amenities of neighborhood bars, restaurants, and boutiques. City representatives, real estate investors, and entrepreneurs are raving about the “progress” taking place in Indianapolis.

However, underneath all the new brightly painted condos sprouting up in every once empty urban lot, there is a rumbling. The voices of the residents who are not benefiting from the changes taking place are echoing from front porches, social media, and newspaper articles all over the city. They cry out for fairer property taxes, help keeping their homes, and lower rents. These voices are largely unheard, as displacement spreads low-income farther and farther from the coveted donut neighborhoods, public transportation, and convenience of Downtown living.

Read the rest Angie Calvert’s commentary at <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Gentrification-A-community-and-personal-account-by-Angie-Calvert.pdf>

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