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# League e-Bulletin

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

**NJLM EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**  
Presents

*"2009 HOUSING SUMMIT"*

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**  
**8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Hilton East Brunswick**  
**3 Tower Center Boulevard**  
**East Brunswick, New Jersey**

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**With Confirmed Luncheon Speaker,**  
**The Hon. Michael Nutter, Mayor, City of Philadelphia**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.                      Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.                Opening General Session**

The Nation's and New Jersey's economies and housing markets are experiencing major downturns. In this troubling context, what are the new realities, implications, policy issues and updates concerning Financial Markets, COAH, State Financing and Housing Programs, Successful Partnerships, Development Strategies, and Foreclosures.

**Presiding:** Louise Wilson, Mayor, Montgomery, President NJLM Education Foundation and League 2nd Vice President

**Invited Panelists:** Jim Hughes, Dean, Bloustein School of Planning, Rutgers University, Trustee, NJLM Education Foundation  
Joseph V. Doria, Jr., Commissioner,  
Department of Community Affairs  
Marge DellaVecchia, Executive Director, New Jersey  
Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency

DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Reverend,  
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Garden, Somerset  
Peter Reinhart, Esq., General Counsel, K. Hovnanian Homes, Inc.

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      Networking Break**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Session A: Special Needs Affordable Housing**

Session will discuss best practices for how communities can create independent living arrangements for individuals with disabilities and link them to services in the community. Learn how model programs are performing and what community groups provide successful linkages for the disabled as they work toward self-sufficiency. Issues related to financial structuring and local zoning/planning approvals will also be included.

**Presiding:** Jun Choi, Mayor, Edison, Vice President NJLM Education Foundation  
**Invited Panelists:** Tim Doherty, Project Freedom  
Pam McCrory, NJ Housing Mortgage Finance Agency  
Richard Brown, Monarch Housing  
Alison Recca-Ryan, Corporation for Supportive Housing (Invited)  
Kevin Martone, NJ Department of Human Services

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Session B: Workforce Housing**

Experts will define workforce housing and its relationship to local employment and employer based participation. Services, transportation and other required infrastructure necessary to support workforce housing will be identified and analyzed to determine best practices and models that municipalities can utilize to adequately produce and support the creation of workforce housing. Successful marketing tools and strategies will also be reviewed.

**Presiding** J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor, Elizabeth, NJLM Past President  
**Invited Panelists:** Gerard Velazquez, President/CEO, Triad Associates  
Beth Kitchen, Kitchen & Associates  
Jeremy Sunkett, Director of Project Management, CRDA (Invited)  
Margaret Sowell, President, Real Estate Strategies (Invited)  
Peter Kasabach, Executive Director, New Jersey Future

**12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.      Luncheon**

**Keynote Speaker:      Hon. Michael Nutter, Mayor, City of Philadelphia**

**1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.                      Networking Break**

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions:**

**1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Session C: Abandoned Property Redevelopment**

Learn how to reclaim blighted, underutilized and abandoned properties and transform them into new housing opportunities and ratables. The State's Abandoned Property Laws and related strategies will be reviewed and evaluated. A panel of experts will highlight successful projects and initiatives throughout the State. The relevance and necessary link to local neighborhood and community building strategies will also be discussed during this session.

**Presiding:** Wayne Smith, Mayor, Irvington, President, Urban Mayors Association

**Invited Panelists:** M. James Maley, Mayor, Collingswood

Ed McManimon, League Associate Counsel, McManimon & Scotland

Allan Mallach, National Housing Institute

John Kromer, Fels Institute at University of Pennsylvania

**1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Session D: Foreclosure Mitigation**

Learn what resources are available to help homeowners facing foreclosure. Speakers will discuss national trends, programs and grants that finance counseling for homeowners with subprime loans and other problems to assist displaced workers. Housing experts will explain how federal proposals are impacting housing developments and foreclosure prevention.

**Presiding:** Robert L. Bowser, Mayor, East Orange, NJLM Past President

**Invited Panelists:** Christiana Foglio, President, Community Investment Strategies,

Frank Piazza, President, Affordable Housing Professionals of NJ

Pat Morrissy, Hands, Inc.

Donna Turner, AHOME

**1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Session E: Experts Roundtable**

This free-flowing program will include experts and policy makers from across the State and allow ample opportunity for Q/A for audience members. If you have a question on affordable housing, this program should allow you to get your answers.

**Presiding:** Patricia Flannery, Mayor, Bridgewater Township

**Invited Panelists:** Shirley Bishop, Consultant/Planner, Shirley M. Bishop, LLC

Lucy Vandenberg, Executive Director, COAH, Department of  
Community Affairs (invited)

Ben Spinelli, Executive Director, Office of Smart Growth,

Department of Community Affairs  
Eileen Swan, Executive Director, Highlands Council  
Edwin W. Schmierer, NJLM Assistant Counsel,  
Mason, Griffin and Pierson

**3:30 p.m.      Adjournment**

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