



## Conference Sessions

### Plenary Session

In 2022 Governor Hochul signed an Executive Order creating the Master Plan for Aging (MPA). The MPA is designed to ensure that older adults and individuals of all ages can live healthy, fulfilling lives while aging with dignity and independence. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) are coordinating the MPA, building on decades of work and partnerships with state agencies, local governments and stakeholders. NYSDOH and NYSOFA will provide an update on what has been accomplished and potential next steps.



### NPCs & Land Banks & Land Trusts

The purpose of the panel is to discuss what CLTs and land banks are, how they operate, as well as their benefits and risks. The panel is intended for affordable housing developers, HDFCs and not-for-profits focused on housing issues. The panel will cover: an overview of the structure of CLTs and land banks, and case studies of successful CLTs and land banks

**Christina Delasi**

*Special Counsel, Goldstein Hall Attorneys at Law*

**Susan Cotner**

*Program Director, Affordable Housing Partnership/Albany Community Land Trust*

### CDFIs and NPCs:

#### Working Together for Affordable Housing

Without equitable access to affordable credit and investment capital, people living in low-income communities often face barriers to quality housing, education, health care, jobs and other essential services. **Community development financial institutions, or CDFIs**, can reduce those barriers by unlocking access to basic financial services for those traditionally excluded by mainstream financial systems. Learn how and why they work, functions and types of CDFIs, and how working with one can help your organization.

**Kim McIlroy**

*Chief Program and Compliance Officer, Home Headquarters*

**Christopher Illum**

*Chief Program Officer & Executive Vice President, Habitat for Humanity*

**Dan Fielding**

*Director of Strategic Partnerships, Habitat for Humanity*

### WANTED: Bold Ideas to Address Housing Shortages

New York State has a severe shortage of affordable and workforce housing across the state. Recent proposals that would allow more housing production to take place in communities with the greatest need have not been popular. How does New York build the political will to take the bold steps needed to implement real solutions for today and in the future?

**Christopher R. Widelo**

*Director of External Affairs,  
NYS Association of For Affordable Housing (NYSFAFH)*

**Chris Walsh**

*Managing Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP*



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### Right to Counsel

Nearly 165,000 New Yorkers currently face eviction, and the majority of them will not have legal representation as they attempt to navigate the court system and remain safely and securely housed.

New York tenants, attorneys, faith communities, unions and many others are fighting to ensure all New Yorkers have the right to a free attorney — a right that has statistically proven across the country to keep people in their homes, reduce eviction filings, and bring millions in savings to governments.

Join organizers with the Right to Counsel coalition to learn about the campaign for RTC in New York State, and how you can get involved!

**Katy Lasell**

*Campaign Organizer, Right to Counsel NYC Coalition*

**Canyon Ryan**

*Executive Director, United Tenants of Albany*

### Good Cause Eviction

On March 3, 2023, New York's Appellate Division Third Judicial Department declared the city of Albany's Local Good Cause Eviction protections preempted by New York State law.

Tenants and advocates immediately began calling on the NYS legislature to extend this renter protection to hundreds-of-thousands of tenants across the State.

After the 2023 legislative session ended with no tenant protections, many renters and community-based organizations wonder what's next for their housing stability?

Learn how Good Cause helped 279-units of unregulated month-to-month tenants fight gentrification and keep Albany's West Hill Neighborhood whole, as well as a discussion on the outlook for the 2024 NYS legislative session.

**Canyon Ryan**

*Executive Director, United Tenants of Albany*

**Laurie Buitrago**

*Secretary, Bleecker Terrace Tenants Association*

### Accessory Dwelling Units

The **Plus One ADU Program** is an initiative to create and improve Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) across the state.

By working with units of local government and community development partners, Plus One ADU will provide a full-service program to support low- and middle-income single-family homeowner occupants who wish to build a new ADU on their property or improve an existing ADU that needs to be brought into compliance with local and state code requirements.

**Aniqa Nawabi**

*Director of Special Initiatives,*

*New York State Homes & Community Renewal*



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### Housing at the Federal Level

An overview of the causes of our nation's housing crisis and the federal policies needed to solve it. Learn what Congress has accomplished so far in 2023, the outlook for the future, as well as timely advocacy opportunities for you and your organization to engage in.

Use tools and resources from the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) to plan your federal advocacy strategy and easily take action.

**Lindsay Duvall**

*Senior Housing Advocacy Organizer,  
National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)*

### Engaging Residents in Advocacy

Those closest to the problem are closest to the solution. Learn strategies to effectively engage, educate and mobilize the residents you serve in your advocacy activities. From supporting resident organizing, to promoting civic engagement, to bringing the voices of people with lived expertise into your town hall, state house, or even the halls of Congress.

Review the National Low Income Housing Coalition's (NLIHC) **Our Homes, Our Votes campaign** and tools to support your non-partisan voter and candidate engagement activities as we enter election season.

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### Energy and Savings Opportunities for Homeowners and Renters

**NYSERDA's Empower+ program** is a way for NY's 1-4 family unit homes to make energy efficiency upgrades and make their homes safer and more comfortable.

In the coming year NYSERDA will also be administering funding for the **Inflation Reduction Act's High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEERA) program** which will help low and moderate income families to get their homes ready for electrification and in some cases install heat pumps that will provide heating and cooling.

**Scott Oliver**

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