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NPC Annual Meeting & Board Election

Annual Board Meeting

November

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SAVE THE DATE

The NPC Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 2nd. We'll bring the meeting directly to your screens through Zoom for your convenience.

Though a virtual setting, it's an opportunity for us to come together as a community and connect with fellow members to gain insights into our organization's achievements.

One of the key highlights of the meeting will be the announcement of the Board Election results. These results determine the leadership that will steer our organization in the years ahead.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for the meeting invitation and more details.

Consider serving on the NPC Board of Directors.

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS firmly believes in the power of diversity, inclusivity, and collaboration to drive positive change in our communities.

As we continue our mission into 2024, we invite you to consider running for a position on our Board of Directors. By embracing a range of perspectives,



backgrounds, and experiences, we enhance our ability to address critical housing needs for everyone in our communities.

To learn more, from nominations to election results, see the next page.

Message from Board President Cassandra Perry



Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well, and inspired by the incredible journey we embarked on just a couple of weeks ago at the "Bridging HomeUnity" conference.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity I had to connect, learn, and grow together with all of you.

It was heartwarming to witness members engage in thoughtful discussions, share their knowledge, and actively participate in the plenary and breakout sessions.

Reconnecting with familiar faces, those who have been the backbone of our organization, was a heartening experience. Equally inspiring was meeting new members, each bringing fresh perspectives and energy.

Let us remember that "Bridging HomeUnity" is not just a conference theme; it's a call to action.

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Important Deadlines:

Resume and cover letter due:
October 11th by noon

Ballots emailed out: October 16th

Ballots due to NPC:
October 30th by noon

Neighborhood Preservation Coalition
2023 Board of Directors

LONG ISLAND

Sondra Cochran
Wyandanch Community Development Corp.

Pilar Moya-Mancera
Housing Help, Inc.

MANHATTAN

Yvonne Stennett
Community League of the Heights (CLOTH)

BROOKLYN, STATEN ISLAND

Tonya Ores
Board Vice President, Downstate
NHS Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Robin Redmond
Flatbush Development Corporation

QUEENS

Joseph G. Barden
Margert Community Corp.

BRONX

Derrick Lovett
MBD Community Housing Corp.

Cassandra Perry
Board President
163rd Street Improvement Council, Inc

WESTCHESTER, HUDSON VALLEY

Dennis Hanratty
Board Secretary
Mt. Vernon United Tenants

CAPITAL DISTRICT

Christine Nealon
Board Vice President, Upstate
TRIP, Inc.

ROCHESTER

Clara A. Forbes
Coalition of North East Associations, Inc.

BUFFALO, NIAGARA

Roseann Scibilia
Board Treasurer
University District Community Development Association

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It challenges us to carry forward the spirit of unity and engagement into every facet of the Coalition.

As we reflect on the concept of "Bridging HomeUnity" I encourage you all to consider how you can contribute to our mission in the coming year.

It's now time to announce the Call for Nominations for our 2024 Board

members. This is your opportunity to step forward, share your vision, and actively shape the future of our organization.

Thank you for your dedication, passion, and unwavering support.

Warm regards,

Cassandra Perry

Board of Directors Election from Nomination to Results

- ▶ Members in good standing* that would like to be considered for a board position, must **submit a cover letter and resume** to Mark Streb execdir@npcnys.org by Noon on Wednesday, October 11th.

A maximum of nine positions are open for the 2024 Board of Directors:

- (1) Region 2 (Manhattan)
 - (2) Region 4 (Queens)
 - (1) Region 6 (Westchester, Hudson Valley)
 - (1) Region 7 (Capital District)
 - (2) Region 8 (Central New York, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier)
 - (1) Region 9 (Rochester)
 - (1) Regions 10 (Buffalo, Niagara)
- ▶ Per the NPC By-laws, The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition **Nominating Committee will then review** the submissions to assure that all candidates meet eligibility criteria.
 - ▶ Ballots for the Board of Director elections will be **emailed out to NPCs** in good standing* on Monday, October 16th.
 - ▶ **Ballots are required to be returned** by Noon on Monday, October 30th. (Return email address and instructions will be included on ballot.)
 - ▶ **Results** of the Board of Directors Election will be announced at the NPC 2023 Annual Meeting, Thursday, November 2nd.

**As a reminder, only companies in good standing are eligible to vote on Coalition business. To be in good standing your company must have paid your dues in full for 2023.*

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Mark Streb at 518-432-6757, ext. 102, or email execdir@npcnys.org.



Bridging HomeUnity Conference Highlights



Patrick McClennan of the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) speaks to attendees about decarbonization as part of a climate policy for New York State.

Kim McIlroy of Home Headquarters, and Dan Fielding and Christopher Illum of Habitat for Humanity present the breakout session “CDFIs and NPCs: Working Together for Affordable Housing.”



Kristina Yiannaki is presented the Luis Arce Success Award for her work at the Brighton Neighborhood Association.

Left to right: NPC Board President Cassandra Perry, Award Winner Kristina Yiannaki, NPC Executive Director Mark Streb, and Executive Director Pat Singer of the Brighton Neighborhood Association.



This year, the Joe Barden Lifetime Achievement Award was introduced and awarded. It will be presented to a Board member who reflects the qualities and achievements of its inaugural recipient, Joe Barden.

Joe Barden honored by the NPC Board with the Joe Barden Lifetime Achievement Award.

NPC Past Board President and current BOD member Joe Barden at center, flanked by current NPC Executive Board members. At left, Board President Cassandra Perry and Treasurer Roseanne Scibilia, and at right. Downstate Vice President Tonya Ores and Secretary Dennis Hanratty.

Executive Director's Message

I trust this message finds you well and in good spirits.

We sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a memorable and enriching experience during the conference. It was a gathering of like-minded individuals who came together to share knowledge, insights, and a common passion for fostering unity within our Coalition.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to RuthAnne Visnauskas, Commissioner/CEO of NYS Homes & Community Renewal for delivering an inspiring keynote address. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation to Elizabeth Draper, Stephanie Galvin-Riley, Madeline Fletcher, and Diane McClure for their invaluable contributions during the panel discussion and the generous time they dedicated to addressing questions from our attendees.

This contingent of HCR professionals at our conference not only cements our partnership but also bolsters our collaborative efforts towards our shared objective of providing safe and affordable housing solutions for the people of New York.

The discussions held during the plenary sessions were particularly striking, characterized by their dynamic nature and the valuable insights that emerged from questions from attendees. Thank you to Patrick McClennan from the



Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal receives the Herman D. Farrell, Jr. Policy Leader Award at the Monday evening reception.

Left to right: NPC Board President Cassandra Perry, NPC Executive Director Mark Streb, Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal, and NPC Board Secretary Dennis Hanratty.



RuthAnne Visnauskas, Commissioner/CEO of NYS Homes & Community Renewal, delivers the keynote address on the opening day of the 2023 NPC Annual Conference, in Saratoga Springs, NY.

New York League of Conservation Voters and Andrew Lebwohl and Crystal Collette from DOH and NYSOFA, respectively.

And, of course, thanks to so many who provided time and effort to present our breakout sessions on Tuesday:

Laurie Buitrago, Bleeker Terrace Tenants Association

Susan Cotner, Affordable Housing Partnership/Albany Community Land Trust

Lindsay Duvall, National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)

Dan Fielding, Habitat for Humanity

Christopher Illum, Habitat for Humanity

Kim McIlroy, Home HeadQuarters

Katy Lasall, Right to Counsel NYC Coalition

Scott Oliver, NYSERDA

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Aniqa Nawabi, NYS Homes & Community Renewal

Canyon Ryan, United Tenants of Albany

James Walsh, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Christopher Widelo, NYS Association for Affordable Housing (NYSFAFH)

The awards are always a highlight of the conference. Along with the Luis Arce Success Award and the Herman D. Farrell, Jr. Policy Leader award, this year a new award was presented, the Joe Barden Lifetime Achievement Award. (See pictures and captions on previous page.)

Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal was presented the Herman D. Farrell, Jr. Policy Leader Award. In a year marked by unprecedented challenges, her unwavering support to our Coalition and the Neighborhood Preservation Program has been a source of reassurance. We couldn't have asked for a more steadfast supporter in the NY Legislature. With her support, the NPP received a historic 37% increase in funds.

I wish to convey my deepest and most sincere gratitude to each and every one of you in attendance. Your participation, support, and contributions were instrumental in making this event a resounding success.

Please take the time to respond to our post-conference evaluation that was sent out last week. Your feedback helps us improve future conferences.

It is important to recognize that we are all united in our shared mission and purpose, and your presence and collaboration are the cornerstones of our collective effort. We rely on one another, and it is this spirit of togetherness that propels us toward achieving our common goals.

Save the date for our NPC Advocacy Day, which will be held on Wednesday, February 14th. We know the power of advocacy works, so plan to attend here in Albany or in your local area.



HCR program directors present a panel discussion about their programs, followed by a Q&A session on Tuesday afternoon: Left to right: Diane McClure, Stephanie Galvin-Riley, Elisabeth Draper and Madeline Fletcher.

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Download a directory of NPCs on HCR website: click on link, THEN download the PDF file to your computer.



NACEDA WEBSITE

National Alliance of Community Economic Development Association. NACEDA's mission is to lead the community development field and its partners in shaping and influencing strategies that advance community prosperity.

NLIHC WEBSITE

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) is dedicated to achieving racially and socially equitable public policy that ensures people with the lowest incomes have quality homes that are accessible and affordable in communities of their choice.