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MEDIA ADVISORY

Action Housing Annual Meeting to Feature Secretary Siger's Preview of DCED's Housing Action Plan

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Pittsburgh, PA — Action Housing is excited to announce its upcoming Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 16, 2025, at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. This year's meeting will highlight the organization's impact and future direction, marked by a video address from Governor Josh Shapiro and a significant presentation by Secretary Rick Siger of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Secretary Siger will provide a preview of DCED's groundbreaking Housing Action Plan, an initiative aimed at addressing the pressing housing needs of all Pennsylvanians. This comprehensive plan will focus on:

- Increasing the supply of workforce housing
- Creating new pathways to homeownership
- Boosting the availability of affordable housing
- Providing essential resources for the homeless and those without housing

DCED aims to collaborate with state agencies and stakeholders across the Commonwealth to develop this vital blueprint for housing opportunities. Community engagement is essential, and attendees will be able to learn more about the plan and its potential impact on Pennsylvania's housing landscape.

"DCED is excited to work with colleagues inside and outside state government to create an action plan that will increase the supply of workforce housing, boost the supply of affordable housing, and provide critical support for people who are currently unhoused," explained Secretary Rick Siger. "The Housing Action Plan will provide a roadmap to increase Pennsylvania's economic competitiveness and complement our work to make the Commonwealth a top place to live, work, play, and innovate."

In addition, Action Housing will recognize two esteemed partners at the meeting, presenting Community Partner Awards to Leon Haynes, Executive Director of Hosanna House, and Erin Dalton, Director of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, for their dedication to improving housing and support services in the region.

"We are honored to bring together key stakeholders at our Annual Meeting to discuss the future of housing in Pennsylvania. It is an opportunity to connect as a community and reinforce our mission to ensure everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. We look forward to collaborating with our partners to turn vision into action," says Lena Andrews, CEO of Action Housing.

We invite everyone to join us for this pivotal event!



Action Housing Annual Meeting

Date: May 16, 2025

Time: 11 AM - 1:30 PM

**Location: Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh
530 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219**

Agenda:

11:00 AM NETWORKING HOUR

Connect with attendees over coffee and tea

12:00 PM LUNCHEON BEGINS

Greeting by Michael Dear, Board Chair of Action Housing

12:30 PM REMARKS & PRESENTATION

- Remarks by Lena Andrews, CEO of Action Housing
- Special video address from the Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor of Pennsylvania
- Preview of the Housing Action Plan by Rick Siger, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Community Partner Awards presented to:
 - Leon Haynes, III, Founding CEO of Hosanna House
 - Erin Dalton, Director of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Recognize the Action Housing Board of Directors
 - Honor the outgoing Board Chair, Michael Dear, Owner of M L Dear Insurance and Financial Services
 - Welcome the incoming Board Chair, Becky Yago, Senior Vice President of Commercial Real Estate for Dollar Bank

1:30 PM LUNCHEON CONCLUDES

Learn more at: <https://actionhousing.org/annual-meeting-2025/>

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ABOUT ACTION HOUSING

Action Housing is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing solutions and enhancing community development in the Pittsburgh region. Its mission is to empower people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives by providing decent, affordable housing and essential supportive services. Action Housing provides a range of services, including real estate development, weatherization, housing stabilization, programs for former foster youth at risk of homelessness, and supportive services that promote stability and self-sufficiency. By collaborating with local governments, community leaders, and stakeholders, Action Housing aims to ensure that all individuals and families can access safe, stable, and affordable housing. For more information, visit www.actionhousing.org.