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Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Federal and State Housing Leaders to Speak with 700 Housing Activists in Hartford

While the effects of the economic downturn are still being felt across the state and nation, supportive and affordable housing developers, residents, and advocates prepare to take up the challenge of Governor Dannel P. Malloy's historic commitment to affordable housing in Connecticut. Nearly \$500 million has been committed over the next 10 years—a significant strategy to improve the well-being of Connecticut's low- and moderate-income families and the state's economy.

Against this unprecedented backdrop, Connecticut Housing Coalition will convene its annual conference, the state's largest gathering of affordable housing practitioners and advocates on Tuesday, December 18th at the Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Governor Malloy will address conference participants as the morning plenary speaker.

Also on the agenda are:

- Bob Herbert, a contributing editor at the *American Prospect* magazine; Distinguished Senior Fellow with Demos, a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy organization; and former Op-Ed columnist for the New York Times will deliver the keynote after lunch;
- Suzanne Piacentini, Director, CT Multifamily Program Center, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; Dara Kovel, Chief Housing Officer, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority; and Catherine Smith, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development together will speak about the new state housing funding, federal policy and program changes, and development of the new state Department of Housing;
- Joseph Chambers, CT Assistant Attorney General; Jeff Gentes, Managing Attorney - Fair Lending and Foreclosure Prevention Project, Connecticut Fair Housing Center; Terence Floyd, Bank of America; Roberta Palmer, Connecticut Judicial Branch; and others participate in a foreclosure response and prevention roundtable; and
- Barbara Burnham, V.P. of Federal Policy, and Andrea Pereira, Executive Director – CT Programs, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will speak about what to expect in Washington as we end 2012 and begin 2013.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS are encouraged to attend and participate in any and all of the workshops available. Registration and lunch are complimentary for professional media.

More info: <http://www.ct-housing.org/events/annual-conference>

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