

**2008 Congress of Cities: Housing, Home Finance,
and Foreclosure Workshops & Events**

TUESDAY, November 11, 2008

- 1:30 pm . 5:00 pm: Leadership Training Institute (LTI)
**L11 – Foreclosures, Vacant Buildings, and Effective Strategies for
Strengthening the Ladder for Sustainable Homeownership;**
Registration Fee, \$115
Communities are wrestling with a new wave of housing issues: preventing foreclosures, helping displaced renters and owners, and being fraught with rising inventories of foreclosed properties. Learn how to address the crisis that cities face with rising foreclosed and vacant properties, along with the impacted residents and city budget. Examine best practices of both large and small cities to work with banks, mortgage companies, displaced residents, absentee property owners, and financially strapped home owners.
Instructors:
James C. Hunt, NLC Immediate Past President and Councilmember,
Clarksburg, WV
Jeffery M. Lubell, Executive Director, Center for Housing Policy, Washington, DC

WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2008

- 9:30 a.m. . 12:30 p.m. : MOBILE WORKSHOP
Home is Where the Heart Is: Housing in Orlando
Come along with us as we tour affordable and attainable housing and community development projects outside of Orlando's tourist attractions. View Orlando's strategies for expanding the availability of housing to working families.
- 1:30 pm . 4:30 pm: **Community & Economic Development (CED) Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting**
Guest Speakers:
Barry Wides, Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, US Department of the Treasury
Philip F. Mangano, Exec. Director, US Interagency Council on Homelessness
John von Seggern, President & CEO, The Council of Federal Home Loan Banks
Doug Iverson, Senior VP, Federal Home Loan Banks of Indianapolis

FRIDAY, November 14, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. . 10:15 a.m. WORKSHOP

Banking On Cities: Innovative Ways to Connect Families to the Financial Mainstream

This session will highlight some innovative ways that cities are helping residents avoid predatory practices by connecting them to the financial mainstream. Speakers will discuss their participation in NLC's Bank On Cities Campaign, in which ten cities are adapting an approach pioneered by the city of San Francisco, and establishing partnerships with financial institutions to help residents obtain free or low-cost bank accounts so they can begin to save.

Speakers:

Michael Brown, City Manager, Savannah, Georgia

Jonathan Weinzapfel, Mayor, Evansville, Indiana

Leigh Phillips, Program Manager, Bank on San Francisco, Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, San Francisco, CA

- 9:00 a.m. . 10:15 a.m. WORKSHOP

A Roof for All: Preserving Affordable Rental Housing

Affordable rental housing, already in high demand before the current mortgage foreclosure crisis, is now in even shorter supply in many communities. The good news is that there are numerous efforts under way to solve this chronic problem, including local and national organizations that have invested in developing and funding rental preservation projects across the country. This session will focus on approaches that cities and towns can take to increase the supply of rental property for all sectors of the community.

Speakers:

Douglas M. Bibby, President, National Multi Housing Council, Washington DC

Nancy Muller, Policy Director, Florida Housing Finance Corp., Tallahassee, FL

SATURDAY, November 15, 2008

- 10:45am . 12:15pm SPECIAL MINI PLENARY

Foreclosure Crisis: Stabilizing Neighborhoods

In the aftermath of legislation to stabilize the home mortgage and credit market crises, local government leaders need up-to-the-minute information about progress or problems associated with these proposed solutions. This program will explore conditions on the ground in cities and towns, specific details about federal solutions (such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program), and the interconnections between action steps to mitigate the impacts of foreclosures and local initiatives to end homelessness.

Guest Speakers:

James C. Hunt, Council Member, Clarksburg, West Virginia

Stanley Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, US Dept. of HUD

Philip F. Mangano, Exec. Director, US Interagency Council on Homelessness

NLC Publications Available at: www.nlc.org

City Practice Briefs

- *Affordable Rental Housing Initiatives*
- *Anti-Predatory Lending Ordinances*
- *Financial Literacy*
- *Housing and Service Programs for the Homeless*

Municipal Action Guides

- *Housing Assistance for Municipal Employees*
- *Housing Trust Funds*
- *Establishing a Land Bank to Manage Vacant, Abandoned, & Foreclosed Properties*
- *Linking Housing and Community Resources*
- *Seizing Opportunities to Develop and Preserve Affordable Housing*

Research Reports

- *Housing Finance and Foreclosures Crisis: Local Impacts and Responses*
- *Local Housing Conditions and Contexts: A Framework for Policy Making*

Future NLC Events Addressing the Foreclosure Crisis

JANUARY 29 . 31, 2009; Los Angeles, CA

Finding Solutions for the Challenges Facing Cities Today, an NLC Leadership Training Institute seminar, will be held at the Omni Hotel and the University of Southern California's Davidson Center in Los Angeles.

During the seminar, local leaders will work alongside experts in the fields of affordable housing and community redevelopment to create a blue print of solutions for their own communities.

The seminar will partner with experts from the University of Southern California School of Policy Planning and Development during various breakout sessions and discuss policy, affordable housing and economic development. Keynote speakers include Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, who is also a past president of NLC.

The seminar will address other topics such as mixed-use housing and green development, private public partnerships, mortgage and small business lending practices, stabilizing foreclosures and helping displaced families. The seminar will also include a mobile workshop in which all participants will tour economic revitalization neighborhood projects in the cities of Los Angeles, Hollywood and West Hollywood.