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# 2015 HOUSING LEGISLATIVE FORUM

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## The 2015 National Low Income Housing Coalition Legislative Forum, Lobby Day, and Leadership Awards Reception

Washington Court Hotel, 525 NJ Ave, NW, Washington DC, March 1-March 3, 2015.

In 2015, the National Low Income Housing Coalition is blazing a new path with its annual convening! Instead of a traditional, broadly focused housing policy conference on a wide array of issues, NLIHC will hold a more strategic and focused “Legislative Forum” in 2015 with NLIHC members who are deeply engaged and committed to influencing legislative action on national housing policies affecting extremely low income individuals.

**The Agenda.** The three days of activities will begin on Sunday, March 1 at 1 pm with an afternoon of plenary sessions on the most critical legislative priorities for 2015 and on what the most recent affordable housing research is telling us. Sunday will be capped off with an evening reception.

Monday, March 2, will feature a series of speakers and panelists of foremost experts and thought-leaders in the country on affordable housing legislation and policy, representing government, national organizations, and federal, state and local agencies and advocates. The Forum will address the most important threats and opportunities in affordable housing, including discussion about tax reform, housing finance/GSE reform, the federal budget, and the status and future of rental assistance. Of course, the post-election Congressional legislative landscape will also be top of mind and discussion throughout the Forum. Keynote speakers include new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro and Ford Foundation President Darren Walker.

On Tuesday, March 3, participants will employ all they will have learned and shared at the Forum in visits to their Congressional representatives on the Hill. The activities will conclude with the Annual NLIHC Housing Leadership Awards Reception on Tuesday evening.

**Forum Participants.** Just as the content will be more strategically focused on key legislative issues and opportunities, participation at the Forum will also be more targeted and focused than at previous conferences, while still representing the broad spectrum of NLIHC members including resident associations, housing and homeless service providers and advocates, state coalitions, national partners, and researchers. We anticipate being able to accommodate approximately 250 participants – individuals who are deeply and actively engaged in influencing national affordable housing legislation, funding and policy, as well as national housing policy experts and thought-leaders. We will be pleased to invite attendance by all of the current and new NLIHC and NHTF policy committee members, two individuals from each of our state coalition partners, three individuals each from our national “special member” organizations and key public housing authority partners, the NLIHC board, and other leading legislative, policy and research experts.

**Location.** All sessions, including the Awards Reception, will be held at the Washington Court on Capitol Hill. NLIHC has booked a block of rooms for forum participants.

**Fees.** As in previous years, there will be two registrations fee, one standard rate and one reduced rate for self-pay low income people. Some NLIHC “scholarships” covering shared hotel accommodations will be provided to low income participants.

