

## NLIHC CONFERENCE ISSUE

### STRENGTHEN YOUR ADVOCACY:

#### THE 2012 NLIHC HOUSING POLICY CONFERENCE

We hope you will join us at our 2012 Housing Policy Conference and Lobby Day March 25-28 in Washington, D.C. At the conference, you will hear from leading Administration, HUD and Congressional officials on what lies ahead for socially just housing policy. With 40 plenary and workshop sessions, an evening reception and Congressional office visits, you will leave this year's conference prepared to take action.

NLIHC believes this conference is an important event for residents and tenants to attend. We work hard to make it possible and worthwhile. NLIHC members and low income people who pay their own registration fees qualify for discounted registration rates. The conference features many workshops just for residents and tenants.

#### YOUR NLIHC CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

When you arrive at the conference on the evening of Sunday, March 25, you will check in and meet fellow advocates from across the country at the Conference Welcome Center. NLIHC staff, board members and state coalition partners will be on hand to greet you.

Monday, March 26 starts with a breakfast session with keynote speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning **Washington Post** columnist **Eugene Robinson**. Mr. Robinson will speak with attendees and sign a number of his books after his presentation. Following the first round of workshop sessions, you will enjoy a lunchtime address from **Representative Barney Frank (D-MA)**. After another round of workshops, you will cap off Monday with a hosted evening reception at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

You will begin Tuesday, March 27 with the annual NLIHC membership meeting and the presentation of three awards. These awards are the State and Local Organizing Award, Resident Organizing Award and the Media Award. It will be an inspiring look at good work being done across the country. Later, **AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Arlene Holt Baker** will speak during the lunch program. She has been a grassroots organizer for more than 30 years.

**Lobby Day** caps off the conference on Wednesday, March 28. After breakfast at the hotel, you will head to Capitol Hill for meetings with your Members of Congress.

All day on Monday and Tuesday you will attend workshops on a wide range of topics. These topics include Grassroots Strategies for Leveraging Social Action, Resident Organizing and Participation, the Housing Needs of Veterans, and many more.

#### ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

Use the form in this issue of *Tenant Talk* to register for the conference. You can also register online at [www.nlihc.org/conference](http://www.nlihc.org/conference). The cost to register increases on March 14, so be sure to register soon.

The conference will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel at 2500 Calvert Street NW in Washington, D.C. The hotel is just one block from the Woodley Park/National Zoo Metro Station on the Red Line. The hotel is close to a wide variety of restaurants and shops, and easy access to downtown Washington, D.C.

The hotel is offering NLIHC a Special Room Rate of \$209 per night (single/double). This special rate expires on Friday, March 2 or when our room block is full, whichever comes first. To make your reservations, call 1-800-THE-OMNI and request the group rate for the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Hotel rooms are in short supply in Washington. Make your room reservations early.

### IN THIS ISSUE

#### READ

letters from two residents who attended the NLIHC Conference in 2011 on pg 2.

Let their words inspire you!

#### REGISTER

for the NLIHC Conference on pg 3.

#### LOOK

for the icon below on NLIHC conference materials. This icon indicates workshops relevant to residents and tenants.



#### COMING SOON...

- *Out of Reach 2012*

- *2012 Advocates' Guide*

- *The NEW NLIHC website!*

## WHAT RESIDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE NLIHC CONFERENCE

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I gained a great deal from attending the NLIHC conference last year. I learned so much, not only through the many informative workshops, but from the tenants, organizations, and leaders throughout the country. It was inspiring to meet tenants from many different places who are knowledgeable about housing issues, and who are actively advocating for just policies. The conference was a valuable and empowering experience for me. It is one I hope to repeat.

Cathy Cortez  
Marin County, California

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**REGISTER**

online at

[nlihc.org/  
conference](http://nlihc.org/conference)

for the  
2012 NLIHC  
Conference.

If you really want to be an informed and involved resident advocate, you need to attend NLIHC's Lobby Day. I had a really great experience last year. Lobby Day provides residents the opportunity to meet with their elected officials. You get the chance to take all of the information you have learned over the course of the conference and talk to your representatives about what the federal government can do on the housing issues that affect you. Everyone should take advantage of the opportunities the conference and Lobby Day provide.

Martha Weatherspoon, NLIHC Board Member  
Clarksville, TN

# 2012 Annual housing policy

## Conference & Lobby Day

Hosted by the National Low Income Housing Coalition

March 25 - 28, 2012 | Washington, D.C.

### REGISTRATION FORM

#### Attendee Information

Vegetarian     I need special assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out a separate form for each attendee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2012 Annual Housing Policy Conference & Lobby Day

##### NLIHC Member

	Early Registration Pay by 2/15/12	Regular Registration Pay by 3/14/12	Late Registration Pay by 3/21/12
Individual Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Organizational Member, 1st Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Organizational Member, Additional Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Low Income Self-Pay Member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500

##### Non-Member

Low Income Non-Member*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
All Others	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500

\*People who identify themselves as low income and self-pay, including residents of public and assisted housing, voucher holders, students, seniors, VISTA and AmeriCorps volunteers.  
 Registration will be closed on March 21, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Registrations processed upon receipt of payment.  
 Cancellation Policy: 75% of registration fees until March 14, 2012. No refunds after that time.



## 30<sup>th</sup> HOUSING LEADERSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 | Washington Court Hotel

### Senator Patty Murray

Edward W. Brooke III Housing Leadership Award

### George Moses

Cushing N. Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award

This event requires a separate ticket.

Tickets can be purchased online through March 21, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

NLIHC Members  \$75  
 All Others  \$125

#### Join NLIHC and Save!

	Amount (suggested)
Low Income Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Low Income Resident Association	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Organization, < \$250,000 operating budget	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
Organization, \$250K - 499,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Organization, \$500K - 999,999	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Organization, \$1,000,000 - 2,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
Organization, > \$2,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000
Other Amount	<input type="checkbox"/> \$_____

To learn more about the NLIHC membership benefits or for any questions, e-mail outreach@nlihc.org or call 202-662-1530

#### Payment Information

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed

Faxed payments must include credit card information.

Visa     MasterCard

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Please send the completed form and payment to NLIHC  
 2727 15th Street NW, 6th Floor | Washington, D.C. 20005  
 Fax: 202-393-1973

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 Questions? E-mail [conference@nlihc.org](mailto:conference@nlihc.org) or  
 contact Bill Shields at 202-662-1530 x232

727 Fifteenth Street NW, Sixth Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005



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### ABOUT NLIHC

The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes. Established in 1974 by Cushing N. Dolbeare, NLIHC educates, organizes, and advocates to ensure decent, affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods for everyone.

Contact NLIHC. Your first point of contact at NLIHC is your Outreach Associate. NLIHC's Outreach Associates are members' direct contacts for answers to federal policy or membership questions. NLIHC's Outreach Associates are each assigned to specific states. Email [outreach@nlihc.org](mailto:outreach@nlihc.org) or call Elisha Harig-Blaine at 202-662-1530 x316 to be put in touch with your Outreach Associate today!

Become a Member. Join NLIHC today to stay informed about affordable housing issues, keep in touch with advocates around the country, and support NLIHC's work. Residents of public or assisted housing or other self-identified low income individuals can join for \$3 a year. Resident association memberships are \$10 per year.

Join at [www.nlihc.org/join](http://www.nlihc.org/join). You can also e-mail us at [outreach@nlihc.org](mailto:outreach@nlihc.org) or call 202-662-1530.



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