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Host Remarks

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Representative Maxine Waters Remarks

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Bill Faith, COHHIO & Barbara Poppe, Barbara Poppe and Associates
Senator Sherrod Brown Remarks

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Sheila Crowley, former President & CEO, NLIHC
Joy Johnson Remarks

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and Hannah Adams, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Remarks

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Diane Yentel
President and Chief Executive Officer, NLIHC

THE EDWARD BROOKE HOUSING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Edward Brooke Housing Leadership Award is named for the late senator from Massachusetts who championed low-income housing as a U.S. senator and as chair of the NLIHC Board of Directors after he left the Senate. The Brooke award goes to an exemplary housing leader with a record of fighting for affordable housing on the national level. The National Low Income Housing Coalition is pleased to present Congresswoman Maxine Waters with a 2021 Brooke Award for being a tireless champion and outspoken leader for low-income people, affordable housing, and solutions to homelessness.

Representative Waters has spent over 40 years as a dedicated public servant, including 15 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives for California's 43rd District. Before being elected to the U.S. House in 1990, Representative Waters served 14 years in the California State Assembly, where she championed bold, progressive policies that advanced racial and economic justice. As a U.S. congresswoman during the economic crisis of 2008, she helped prevent innumerable families from losing their homes by leading efforts to stop foreclosures and secured \$6 billion for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.



In 2012, the congresswoman made history by becoming the first woman and first Black chair of the House Financial Services Committee, a position she still holds. Chair Waters was instrumental in enacting the "HOME Forward Act of 2014," establishing the National Housing Trust Fund, the nation's first program in a generation dedicated to building and operating housing affordable to the lowest-income people.

Chair Waters's fierce, steadfast leadership has once again proven invaluable as our nation deals with the coronavirus pandemic. Her leadership was central to getting billions of dollars for HUD programs in the CARES Act in March 2021 and tens of billions of dollars more for housing and shelter for those most in need in recent coronavirus relief packages. Her leadership has kept families and children from experiencing homelessness, protected people at high risk for evictions, and saved countless lives.

For her indispensable leadership fighting for equity and justice, combatting racism, championing the housing needs of the lowest-income people, and achieving critical housing and homelessness resources and protections during the pandemic, ***NLIHC is honored to bestow the 2021 Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award to Congresswoman Maxine Waters.***

"The Edward Brooke Housing Leadership Award is a recognition of Chairwoman Maxine Waters' role in local and national life: we are honored to have her represent our City of Angels, proud to have her unmatched voice for vulnerable Americans, and inspired by her leadership -- and her understanding that housing isn't just another issue, but the very foundation of economic security for our nation's families. From her Ending Homelessness Act to the American Rescue Plan, she has played an instrumental role in advancing real solutions to lift up renters, support homeowners, and bring our unhoused neighbors indoors. By her bold and innovative leadership, she is meeting this crisis with the urgency it demands, and we hope other policymakers continue to follow in her footsteps."

— Eric Garcetti, Mayor, Los Angeles



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"Chairwoman Waters has been among the nation's strongest leadership voices that housing is infrastructure. Her determination has directly led to billions of dollars of investment in America's lowest-income communities, providing housing opportunities to those with the least among us. And her passion and tenacity to solve homelessness pushes us all to do better. Congratulations to my friend Maxine on this award."

— Gavin Newsom, Governor, California

"Very few people embody the intrinsic virtues of a true public servant. Fortunately for those of us who believe in housing as a basic human right, Chairwoman Waters is exactly that - a relentless champion and unapologetic fighter for the underserved. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is proud to stand alongside a number of distinguished organizations in congratulating Chairwoman Waters in receiving the 2021 Edward Brooke Housing Leadership Award."

—Heidi Marston, Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

"Congresswoman Waters has been the steadfast champion of low-income renters in California and nationally for decades. She has never stopped fighting and innovating for those most in need. She is a hero to us all and richly deserves this recognition for her leadership and many accomplishments."

—Matt Schwartz, President & CEO, California Housing Partnership

"From a young age I told my mom I wanted to grow up and be a politician. She introduced me to two people...Congresswoman Maxine Waters and the late Senator Barbara Jordan. I was fascinated by the way Representative Waters commanded a room, understood her community, and told it like it was. I am so glad I could see me in her so I knew Black women leadership in public policy was possible. Never did I imagine I would grow up to work on an issue that has become our shared passion, housing justice. When I hear her voice and when she steps into a room, I know everything is going to be okay. Because she is there to listen and act in a way that will ensure racial and housing justice."

— Amanda Andere, CEO, Funders Together to End Homelessness

"Maxine Waters has been a leading voice in the struggle against homelessness. She is a tireless advocate for vulnerable people who have been left behind time and again. As a Congresswoman, she has enacted and sponsored legislation that invests in marginalized communities which has helped low-income families remain housed. I deeply appreciate how she uses her platform to call for justice and equity across our country."

— Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D., President & CEO, St. Joseph Center

2021 EDWARD BROOKE HOUSING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The late U.S. Senator Edward W. Brooke, Republican from Massachusetts, worked tirelessly across party lines to ensure low-income people in America had decent, accessible, affordable homes. He established the “Brooke Rule” – the standard for housing affordability in America – and led NLIHC as its board chair after leaving the Senate. The National Low Income Housing Coalition is pleased to present a 2021 Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award honoring an exemplary housing leader with a record of fighting for affordable housing on the national level to Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

A lifelong Ohioan, Senator Brown, now the chair of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, has spent his career fighting for working and low-income people, families, and youth. In addition to his many contributions to working and low-income people (making the Earned Income Tax Credit permanent, establishing new



“After a discouraging day or week or month working on affordable housing, I see Sherrod Brown on TV or receive an email that references him and the work he is doing on our behalf and my spirits are lifted. Senator Brown provides hope for people like me. He doesn’t settle for the status quo. He values people and understands that federal policy has very real consequence for people. I trust Sherrod Brown and believe that he has the best interest of his constituents at heart. With Senator Brown as chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs I have real hope that we will make progress on ending homelessness as we have come to know it and we will address the affordable housing crisis.”

—Mary Bourke Rivers, Executive Director, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing Officials

consumer protections, creating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and others), Senator Brown has been a strong leader on social and economic justice, voting rights, and affordable housing. Senator Brown joined civil rights legend Congressman John Lewis as co-chair of the congressional delegation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the march for voting rights in Selma in 2015, has made the pilgrimage to Selma every year since, and continues to fight against barriers to voting; The Washington Post called his voter registration efforts, “probably the most intensive and wide-ranging in the nation.”

Senator Brown was instrumental in getting more than \$12 billion for HUD programs in the CARES Act in March of 2021, including \$4 billion for homelessness response and an eviction moratorium on all federally assisted homes. His leadership was key in the passage of a bipartisan compromise coronavirus relief package with \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance, an extension of the CDC eviction

moratorium, and an extension on the use of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds until December 31, 2021– and then in getting tens of billions more in emergency rental assistance and homelessness resources in 2021. His work and leadership saved lives by protecting the housing stability of tens of millions of low-income renters.

For his many years of fighting for racial and social justice, voting rights, and affordable housing and for his exceptional leadership in Congress to address to the housing and homelessness crisis during the coronavirus pandemic, **NLIHC is honored to bestow the 2021 Edward Brooke Housing Leadership Award to Senator Sherrod Brown.**



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"We are so proud of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown in receiving this leadership award. I've known Sherrod since he was a young legislator kicking up dust at the Statehouse. His deeply engrained commitment to social justice and the dignity of work is foundational to he is. He's always stretched the boundaries of what seemed possible, from expanding voting rights for homeless people as Ohio secretary of state, to championing the fight for BIG rental assistance funding in the Senate. As the Senate's new Senate Housing (and Banking) Committee Chairman, I know he keeps the needs of those struggling the most top of mind. It is just the way he is."

—Bill Faith, Executive Director, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

"On behalf of National Church Residences, I wish to extend our sincere congratulations to Senator Brown for this much deserved recognition. As an organization founded and headquartered in Ohio, we know how fortunate we are to have Senator Brown representing us and those we serve. Senator Brown 'gets it!' He fights for safe and affordable housing because it is the cornerstone to well-being. Thank you, Senator Brown, for your dedication as a true public servant."

— Michelle Norris, Executive VP of External Affairs and Growth Strategies, National Church Residences

"Senator Brown is a tireless advocate for better housing and communities. We all look to his leadership as we work to achieve good housing for all."

—John E. Schrider, Jr., Director, Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio

"In a time of painful division and discord, Senator Sherrod Brown has been a welcome life raft of hope and community. He brings a rare humility and humanity to his work. Throughout his career he has given integrity in public service a good name, and has consistently fought for the right thing, not just the right headlines."

CHN appreciates his longstanding leadership and his deeply knowledgeable and committed staff who have become go-to people for the entire industry. Senator Brown is one of my heroes, and like Congressman Lou Stokes before him, I am grateful to know him."

— Kate Monter Durban, Assistant Director, CHN Housing Partners, Cleveland

"Our own Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio is truly a champion for affordable housing."

A longtime friend and ally, he deeply understands the critical role housing plays and its intersection with health, education, employment, transportation and other aspects of community life. Sherrod's advocacy both on expanding public resources and pushing the banks and GSEs increase their commitment to affordable housing will have lasting impact."

— Hal Keller, President Emeritus, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing

"Senator Sherrod Brown is an unrivaled leader that truly embodies the Ohio spirit: fiercely passionate, thoroughly genuine, and unwaveringly gracious. We are thrilled to see him recognized for his steadfast leadership in pursuit of affordable housing and civil rights. Congratulations, Senator, we're ready for what's next!"

— Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio.

2021 CUSHING NILES DOLBEARE LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

The Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award, named after NLIHC's late founder, a pioneer of the affordable housing movement, goes to an individual who has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to achieving decent, accessible, affordable homes for low-income people over a long period of time. **NLIHC honors Joy Johnson with the 2021 Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award.**

Joy Amarylis Johnson is the founder and board chair of the Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR) in Charlottesville, VA, established in 1998 as a citywide residents' association for public housing and section 8 residents. She is employed as a Section 3 coordinator for the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA). A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Joy became an American citizen in 2000, and is a public housing resident.



Prior to CRHA, Joy served for 21 years as an outreach coordinator for the Westhaven Nursing Clinic, helping neighbors access preventative healthcare from parish nurses, and organizing the Annual Westhaven Community Day. At PHAR, Joy puts the rights and needs of low-income residents front and center, giving residents powerful influence in the city's planning and policy decisions impacting their lives and the lives of others.

Under Joy's leadership, PHAR led a 2012 class-action lawsuit against CRHA for excessive utility fees; formed crucial partnerships with local and national housing advocacy networks; produced the Positive Vision for Resident-Directed Redevelopment publication to guide the work of the CRHA; and secured employment opportunities for low-income residents. Through its innovative six-month internship program, PHAR provides the leadership and advocacy skills residents need to become changemakers, go on to well-paying jobs, work as housing advocates, and serve on city boards and commissions.

Joy has served on or chaired numerous boards and commissions, including the Head Start Policy Council, CRHA Board of Commissioners, UVA Employee Council, Virginia Association of Neighborhoods, Offender Aid and Restoration Board, Westhaven Tenant Association, and many others. In the early 2000s, Joy served on the board of NLIHC, bringing her phenomenal activist-leadership to the work of the Coalition. Joy is currently the vice president of the Board of Legal Aid Justice Center and serves on the Local Steering Committee of the Equity Center at the UVA Housing Committee, the CRHA Redevelopment Committee, the UVA Billing and Collections Advisory Council, PHAR's Residents for Respectful Research Advisory Committee, and the Charlottesville Housing Advisory Committee. Joy also works with JR Fleming of the Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign.

Successfully completing numerous workshops and trainings with HUD, NLIHC, and many others, Joy has shared her knowledge at workshops for NLIHC and an array of other convenings and conferences. Joy is a lifelong member of Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, dancing, spending time with friends, and, most of all, spending time with her four children, Adrian, Jamie, Janie and Eva, and six grandchildren, Ajayla, Adrianna, Arlennia, Janiah, Qua'mari, and Kingston.

NLIHC is honored to present the Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award to Joy Johnson for being an example of how we must all live our lives: in service of improving the lives of others.

"Joy is an unparalleled leader and voice for justice. She has so refined the art of speaking truth to power that power looks forward to her next demand."

— Angela Cioffi, Executive Director, Legal Aid Justice Center



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"Ms. Johnson is the most effective community leader I've had the pleasure to know. She has a heart for fairness and has advocated for 30 years to ensure public housing residents' voices are not just included, but that their visions are realized. Ms. Johnson's commitment to resident-led redevelopment is bringing radical change to urban planning. Every unit of public housing in Charlottesville is being preserved in the public realm, and over 60 new and deeply affordable apartments will become available soon, with more to come."

— Emily Dreyfus, Community Organizer, Legal Aid Justice Center

"I am so happy to see Joy Johnson act as the recipient of this award. I know no one that is more deserving of this. She has worked tirelessly in an area where a lot of the work is thankless. Charlottesville would not be the same without her impact. I could not have a better PHAR Board President for 2021."

— Shelby Edwards, Executive Director, Charlottesville PHAR

"Joy Johnson is one of my favorite people on the planet, with as big a smile and as big a heart as anyone I know. She has a vision and a passion for justice that makes her an extraordinarily effective advocate and inspires others to follow her lead. I have no doubt that Joy will continue to champion the rights of public housing and low-income residents for many years to come. We love you, Joy!"

— Dave Norris, Longtime PHAR Advisory Board Member and former Mayor, City of Charlottesville

"Congratulations to Joy Johnson on her well-deserved recognition as the winner of the Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award. Joy is a long-time friend and mentor to me and so many others in the housing movement. Joy has been a source of inspiration and support in many ways for years. Joy is a persistent, constant fighter for justice and fair treatment for her fellow residents and low-income residents everywhere. Cushing would be very proud of Joy's recognition."

— Bill Faith, Executive Director, COHHIO and former Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award recipient

"Congratulations Joy on receiving the Cushing Dolbeare Lifetime Achievement Award. Joy is most deserving of this award for her tireless fight to ensure Public Housing residents are heard in their fight to save and rebuild their housing communities without displacement of their families. It was also my honor to serve with Joy on NLIHC'S Board of Directors!"

— George Moses, Former Chair of the Board for NLIHC

"Joy Johnson is powerful – a force to be reckoned with – motivated by love and a thirst for real justice in our communities."

— Alex Gulotta, Consultant and former Executive Director, Legal Aid Justice Center

2021 SHEILA CROWLEY HOUSING JUSTICE AWARD

The Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award, named for former NLIHC President and CEO Sheila Crowley who led the Coalition for more than 17 years, goes to an individual or organization that has elevated the conversation around affordable housing for those most in need. ***NLIHC honors The Housing Justice Network (HJN) with the 2021 Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award.***

Established more than 40 years ago, HJN consists of frontline workers in the fight against the nation's housing crisis. Coordinated by the National Housing Law Project, HJN is a network attorneys, advocates, and organizations around throughout the U.S. that develops the field of housing law and collectively supports one another. Its members work with local organizers to advocate for better state and local policies, represent clients in eviction courts, work to prevent foreclosures in partnership with housing counseling organizations, support survivors of domestic violence and victims of housing discrimination, and much more.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, HJN members helped their clients and advocates understand and respond to a wide array of state and local laws. HJN and NHLP held working group calls, conducted informative webinars, and developed legal briefs and policy documents on eviction relief and moratoriums, on public housing agencies' actions in response to the pandemic, and on ways to improve rental assistance programs. In many jurisdictions, HJN attorneys went to court – and continue to do so – as the pandemic raged on. Elsewhere, HJN members guided their courts on how to manage Zoom calls and protect basic rights of due process. Repeatedly, they had to educate judges about the law – including on the federal eviction moratoriums – in places where judges and landlords claimed tenants had no protections.

Despite the pandemic, the rights of Black and Brown communities, women, and many others were under severe attack. HJN members continued their work to promote racial justice, fight for protections under the Violence Against Women Act, and defend decades of established civil rights law. It is because of the efforts of HJN that so many families have been able to stay in their homes throughout the pandemic.

For the Network's outstanding efforts for over forty years serving on the front lines to advance housing rights and over past year to keep families safely housed during the pandemic, NLIHC is pleased to honor The Housing Justice Network with the 2021 Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award.

"The Housing Justice Network (nee LALSHAC) is the lifeblood of those who advocate for decent, affordable, dignified, racially just housing for every human being in the United States. It's terrifying to imagine what the housing consequences of this pandemic would have been without HJN."

*Florence Wagman Roisman, William F. Harvey Professor of Law and Chancellor's Professor,
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law*



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"For four decades, the Housing Justice Network has provided invaluable support and guidance to new generations of legal services attorneys and tenant advocates (including me, when I began practicing housing law), enhancing the effectiveness of state and local advocacy on behalf of low-income tenants. The Network is a two-way street, infusing local perspectives in the formulation of national policy proposals, and with skilled leadership of NHLP staff and HJN members has had major impact on federal housing policy."

*— Barbara Sard, VP for Housing Policy,
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
(retired)*

"Housing Justice Network, HJN, and its immediate predecessor the Loose Association of Legal Services Housing Advocates and Clients, LALSHAC, has been a wonderful and indispensable part of my work for over 40 years as a housing attorney at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia. In 2002 LALSHAC was changed to the Housing Justice Network and the wonderful work continues in helping low-income families have decent and safe housing. The Housing Justice Network is receiving a very well-deserved award from the National Low Income Housing Coalition as it plays a major role in enabling housing advocates nationwide to provide high quality legal services on housing issues to our nation's low-income population."

*— George Gould, Of Counsel Attorney,
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia*

"I can think of no greater contribution to humanity than HJN's humble, visionary, crucial work. Across the country, the fierce HJN advocates - like thousands of beacons of hope - are securing housing justice and social change. Every day, they stand beside and elevate the rights and voices of people facing injustice. These advocates are my housing justice heroes and to them I say: thank you for your tireless, selfless advocacy; for changing countless lives for the better; for your daily, compassionate, and ever-reliable support; for standing up and speaking out; for fueling a movement. Thinking of the people who will rest in their homes tonight because of you, you have my deepest gratitude and admiration. Congratulations on this extraordinary achievement."

*— Emily A. Benfer, Visiting Professor of
Law, Wake Forest University School of Law*

"HJN is a unique and invaluable resource for housing justice advocates around the country. Dispensing with formal organizational rules, procedural committee meetings and membership fees, HJN colleagues welcome, support, educate, share, encourage and inspire us to fight for housing as a human right. With HJN partners around the country - none of us works alone."

*—Judith Liben, Housing Attorney,
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute*



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Past Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award Honorees

The Edward W. Brooke Housing Leadership Award is named for the late Senator, who championed low income housing in Congress and later as Chairman of NLIHC’s Board of Directors.

- Shauna Sorrells, 2020
- The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, U.S. House of Representatives, 2019
- The Honorable Susan Collins, U.S. Senate, 2018
- J. Ronald Terwilliger, 2017
- The Honorable Barbara Lee,



- U.S. House of Representatives, 2016
- OMB Director Shaun Donovan, 2015
- Governor Dannel Malloy (D-CT), 2014
- The Honorable Olympia Snowe, U.S. Senate, 2013
- The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate, 2012
- Nan Roman, 2011
- The Honorable Keith Ellison, U.S. House of Representatives, 2010
- The Honorable John Kerry, U.S. Senate, 2010

Past Cushing Niles Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award Honorees

The Cushing Niles Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award is named after NLIHC's founder. One of the leading experts on federal housing policy and the housing circumstances of low income people, Dolbeare was widely known as the "godmother" of the affordable housing movement.

- Bill Faith, 2020
- Emma "Pinky" Clifford, 2019
- Lisa Hasegawa, 2018
- Amy Anthony, 2017
- Nancy Bernstine, 2016
- Dr. William C. Apgar, 2015
- Charles Elsesser Jr., 2014
- Chester Hartman, 2013
- George Moses, 2012
- Florence Wagman Roisman, Esq., 2011
- Gordon Cavanaugh, 2010

Past Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award Honoree

The Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award is named after former NLIHC President and CEO Sheila Crowley, who led NLIHC for more than 17 years.

- Jennifer Leimaile Ho, 2020
- Dr. Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., 2019
- Dr. Matthew Desmond, 2018

Past Housing Leadership Award Honorees

- The Honorable Edward W. Brooke, U.S. Senate
- Mary Brooks, Housing Trust Fund Project, Center for Community Change
- The Honorable Henry G. Cisneros
- Citizens Housing and Planning Association
- Steve Coyle, AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust
- The Honorable Alan Cranston, U.S. Senate
- Sheila Crowley, NLIHC President and CEO
- The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Former HUD Secretary
- The Honorable Alphonse D'Amato, U.S. Senate

- Delaware Statewide Association of Tenants
- Frank DeStefano, U.S. House Subcommittee on Housing & Community Development
- Diane Dorius, U.S. House Subcommittee on Housing & Community Development
- Cushing N. Dolbeare, Founder and Chair Emeritus, NLIHC
- Helen Dunlap, former NLIHC President
- Terrence Duvernay, Legg Mason Wood Walker
- Ford Foundation
- The Honorable Barney Frank, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Henry Gonzalez, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable William Green, U.S. House of Representatives
- Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
- Housing LA (Los Angeles)
- James Johnson, Fannie Mae
- The Honorable Joseph Kennedy II, U.S. House of Representatives
- Moises Loza, Housing Assistance Council
- Gerald MacMurray, U.S. House Subcommittee on Housing & Community Development
- The Melville Charitable Trust
- The Honorable Thomas Menino, Mayor, City of Boston
- Minneapolis High Rise Resident Council
- Minnesota Housing Partnership
- The Honorable George Mitchell, U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Parren Mitchell, U.S. House of Representatives
- Sister Lillian Murphy, Mercy Housing
- The National Housing Law Project
- The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness
- Christine Oliver, Chicago Dwellings Association
- Public Housing Resident Network of Connecticut
- The Honorable Charles Rangel, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Jack Reed, U.S. Senate
- Nicolas Retsinas, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard
- Rhode Island Public Housing Tenants Association
- The Honorable Marge Roukema, U.S. House of Representatives
- James Rouse, Enterprise Foundation
- Patricia T. Rouse, Enterprise Foundation
- The Honorable Bernie Sanders, U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Paul Sarbanes, U.S. Senate
- Texas Low Income Housing Information Service
- The Honorable Robert Traxler, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Maxine Waters, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Bill White, Mayor, City of Houston
- Barry Zigas, former NLIHC President



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"Joy Johnson has always been our movement mother! In all the years I've known and worked with her she has helped to ignite and inspire young leaders in the human right to housing movement! Guiding us and the world to do better and work as a collective!"

— JR Fleming, President, Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign



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Sherrod Brown
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Joy Johnson, for her Lifetime of Service for Housing Justice



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