



## Housing Faces Cuts Again

Governor George Pataki released his final budget proposal on January 17<sup>th</sup> and once again, affordable housing advocates were disappointed.

Despite increased calls to address the affordable housing crisis from advocates, local officials and citizens, the Governor chose to reduce State spending on the State's housing programs by as much as fifty percent.

As the affordable housing crisis grows in our State, a word search of the Governor's budget address fails to turn up even a single reference to housing.

The 2006-07 Executive Budget proposes to cut in half funding for the Rural and Neighborhood Preservation Programs. The Governor also would significantly reduce spending on the State's major capital programs from last year's level.

The \$110.7 billion spending proposal represents a four billion dollar increase in overall spending over the current fiscal year and provides \$3.2 billion in tax cuts according to the Governor's press releases. The bud-

get plan uses two billion in surpluses from the current year to "reduce out-year gaps". The Governor's budget does not address the increased school aid required by the Courts in the case brought by the Center for Fiscal Equity.

With the introduction of the Executive Budget bills, the real budget making process is set to begin. For those interested in spending on housing issues, the next important step in the process will come on February 8<sup>th</sup> when a joint panel of the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee convenes to take testimony on the Governor's budget proposal.

NYS Rural Advocates will be gathering for their annual Legislative Conference on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Albany. The Conference will include presentations by representatives of the Governor and his Division of Housing and Community Renewal. Advocates will also hear from the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Housing Committees as

they stake out their own position on the housing budget.

Housing advocates are encouraged to use the opportunity to come to Albany and to visit with their State Lawmakers and to discuss the impact of the proposed cuts on their communities.

As the budget process moves toward the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the adoption of the budget, the Legislature is expected to establish a series of Conference Committees that will provide the forum for budget negotiations between the houses.

In recent years, the Conference Committee process has been credited with making the budget process more transparent and may help move the process in a more timely fashion than has been the case in the past.

### Tax Credit Training Slated

A training on Low Income Housing Tax Credits is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. "Learn the Basics: Housing Tax Credits '101'" will be sponsored by IPED. This seminar is designed for individuals with a basic familiarity

with the low-income housing tax credit, and will provide a general overview of the tax credit program and its rules and practices as they work today. Registration is \$695 per person. For more information, visit IPED's website at [www.ipedinc.net](http://www.ipedinc.net).

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**Bits and Pieces...**

**Save The Dates**

The Adirondack Park Agency in conjunction with the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, NYS Department of State, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Empire State Development, and the Governor's Office for Small Cities will host The Adirondack Park Local Government Days. This will be held at the Hotel Saranac, in Saranac Lake, on Thursday and Friday March 23rd and 24th. This conference will focus on Affordable and Workforce Housing. Topics tentatively include housing density rules, zoning options, flexibility in applying for APA Overall Intensity Guidelines, maintaining housing as affordable, working solutions and roundtable discussions. The NYS Department of State will offer several training workshops for local officials, as well as technical tracks including such topics such as stormwater management and using GIS mapping for local planning. Information on registration will be available soon on the Park Agency website at [www.apa.state.ny.us/Local\\_Government/index.html](http://www.apa.state.ny.us/Local_Government/index.html).

**Attention Western New York Agencies!**

The recent move of federal agencies out of the Dulski Building in Buffalo has resulted in excess, unwanted furniture. If your agency is in need of office furniture and/or equipment contact Joe Bunk at (716) 870-1606 or by email at [joseph.bunk@gsa.gov](mailto:joseph.bunk@gsa.gov), as soon as possible. The furniture will be available on a first come - first served basis. Your only expense will be to move the items you select from the federal building to your office. Interested parties would visit the building, select and tag the items wanted, then arrange for a moving date.

**Save More Dates!**

The 2006 Rural Housing Coalition Training Academy will be held on April 18th in Rochester, and April 20th in Albany. Full day training will be available for asset managers of rental housing, and housing counseling staff. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the dates.....

Federal and U.S. military employees can support the Rural Housing Coalition through the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you are a federal government or military employee and would like to donate through the CFC, please enter CFC code #9614 on your pledge card during the next fund drive.

## STEL Holds Grand Opening

Southern Tier Environments For Living (STEL) recently held a grand opening for the Cardinal Mindszenty Apartments in Dunkirk. The project involved the renovation of a former school building that had been vacant since 1979. In his remarks as the remodeling project began, STEL Executive Director Thomas J. Whitney said, "It will be wonderful to see this great old building performing a public service again."

The newly renovated building contains 22 one-bedroom, 14 two bedroom, and 1 three bedroom units. 92% of the apartments are already leased up. The building is accessible and has been designed to be further adapted to accommodate the needs, for instance, of people who are hearing impaired or who use a wheelchair. GPS Construction completed



the renovation of the former school to residential use. The installation of an elevator was made possible by \$44,000 in Community Block Grant funds provided by the City of Dunkirk. Other funding came from Citibank, NA; the Division of Housing & Community Renewal; the Federal Home Loan Bank; HSBC; and the Richman Group. For more information, contact Jeanne R. Sears at (716)763-5079.

## Community Gardens Funding Available

Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living (<http://fiskars.com/US/>) is now accepting applications for the 2006 Project Orange Thumb grants program. The company created the program to support community garden groups in the US with tools and materials. Project Orange Thumb recipients will receive grants of up to \$1,500 in Fiskars Garden Tools (retail value), and up to \$800 in gardening related materials, such as plants, seeds, and mulch. Recipients will also receive Project Orange Thumb t-shirts for garden members/volunteers. Gardens and/or gardening projects geared towards community

involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture, and/or horticultural education are eligible. Community garden groups, as well as schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, etc. are encouraged to apply. Only group applications will be considered; single individuals are not eligible. The program is open to any community garden in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Visit the Fiskars website for complete program guidelines and the application instructions. The application deadline is February 17th.

## Fannie Mae Investigator Asked to Testify

Former Senator Warren B. Rudman, who has been heading up the investigation into Fannie Mae's accounting mistakes, has been asked to testify before the House Financial Services Committee on his findings when the report is released in Febru-

ary. In late 2004, Fannie Mae reported \$10.8 billion in accounting errors and, in 2003, Freddie Mac reported errors of \$5 billion. These reported accounting errors led Congress to consider legislation to strengthen the GSE regulator.

## Design Guidelines for Main St. Programs

DHCR will offer regional training on Main Street design issues in February. Design can be a powerful tool for attracting investment and commercial activity to your community. Learn how user friendly design guidelines can support your NY Main Street and neighborhood commercial revitalization goals. This 1-day seminar will cover the options available for assessing your district's unique design characteristics, developing a participatory planning process, structuring requirements, providing technical assistance, reviewing design proposals and administering programs. Coordinating design guidelines with the requirements of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and those of the New York Main Street Program will also be explored. Bring photographs of your district to take full advantage of the technical assistance available from the presenters.

All trainings will be held from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM. Dates and locations are:

February 8th-The Clarion Hotel, 3 Watervliet Avenue Ext., (at I-90 Exit 5), Albany

February 9th-Yonkers Public Library, Community Room, 2nd Floor, One Larkin Center, Yonkers.

February 21st-Holiday Inn, 601 Dingens Street (*enter at Max's Restaurant*), Buffalo.

February 22nd-HUD Storefront 128 E. Jefferson St., Syracuse.

February 28th-Hofstra University, Room 246, Axinn Library - South Campus, Hempstead.

For more information, visit: [www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ocd/apps/seminar/seminar\\_intro\\_2006.asp#s2](http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/ocd/apps/seminar/seminar_intro_2006.asp#s2).

## HHAP Issues NOFA

The NYS Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation (HHAC) will make available funds under a 2006 Request for Proposals for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP).

Under HHAP, grants and loans are provided to acquire, construct and rehabilitate housing for persons who are or would otherwise be homeless. Eligible projects may provide permanent, transitional or emergency supportive housing to homeless single individuals or families. It is anticipated that priority projects under this funding cycle will include: permanent supportive housing for homeless families and singles who are currently living in shelters, hotels/motels or emergency housing; congre-

gate, supportive housing developed in accordance with the New York/New York III Agreement for chronically homeless single adults who suffer from a serious and persistent mental illness or who are diagnosed as mentally ill and chemically addicted (MICA); and housing, with appropriate support services, for homeless persons with AIDS or HIV related illness.

Not-for-profit corporations and their subsidiaries and charitable organizations, as well as municipalities, public corporations, and public housing authorities are eligible to apply for HHAP funding. It is anticipated that the RFP and Application will be released in February 2006 with an application deadline of April

2006. Funding will be made available subject to the enactment of the SFY 2006-07 State Operations and Aid to Localities Budget, including an appropriation for HHAP.

To receive a copy of the RFP and Application you must send a written request to the address below or a fax may be sent to (518) 486-7068 (please use fax cover sheet). For further information, please contact Colleen Salvagni at (518) 473-2529. NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Housing Services, 40 North Pearl Street 9-A, Albany, New York 12243, Attn: Colleen Salvagni.

The internet address for the HHAP NOFA is at: [www.otda.state.ny.us](http://www.otda.state.ny.us). Select "Contracts and Grants".

## HUD Issues Notice On Housing Choice Voucher Reserve Recapture

On January 11th, the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) issued Notice 2006-03 (HA) advising public housing authorities (PHAs) administering the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program that any unused program reserve balances ("ACC reserves") from before January 1, 2005 that remained after December 31, 2005 would be recaptured by HUD, reducing a PHA's reserves to zero going forward into 2006. This action was a surprise to PHAs because the FY05 HUD Appropriations Act allowed PHAs to maintain a one-week ACC reserve, as did PIH Notice 2005-01 issued on December 8, 2004.

Notice 2006-03 also establishes, as of January 1, 2005, a new "undesignated fund balance account" to hold a PHA's budget authority that is not used to make Voucher Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) during the course of a year, as of January 1, 2005. Any such excess budget authority in the new undesignated

fund balance account can only be used for additional vouchers up to a PHA's authorized level.

On January 13th, PIH Notice 2006-05 (HA) was issued, implementing various HCV program funding provisions in the FY06 Appropriations Act, which continues the 2005 allocation method for calculating and distributing HAP renewal funds and PHA administrative fees, and continues to prohibit the use of renewal funds for over-leasing.

The FY05 Appropriations Act changed the manner of funding the HCV program by providing funds to PHAs based on leasing levels and inflation-adjusted costs during the months of May, June, and July of 2004. For FY06, each PHA's HCV renewal funding will be determined by the renewal amount a PHA received in calendar year (CY) 2005, adjusted by several factors. One factor will consider vouchers transferred between PHAs, as well as any new tenant protection vouchers (for ex-

ample, vouchers for tenants in public housing units demolished or sold). HUD will not make any adjustments for vouchers not in use during CY 2005 because they were held in reserve for a project-based voucher commitment (even though the HUD FY06 Appropriations Act directs these vouchers to be factored in the adjustment). HUD will determine the total amount needed to fund all PHAs and compare that figure with the FY06 appropriation in order to prorate each PHA's CY 2006 allocation. The FY06 Appropriations Act provided \$45 million to adjust CY 2005 renewal funding allocations if May, June, and July 2004 leasing and cost data were temporarily low, or if there was a significant increase in renewal costs due to "unforeseen circumstances or portability." HUD will process requests for the former situations first, and once all of those are funded, provide adjustment funds for the later cases. The notices are available at [www.hudclips.org](http://www.hudclips.org).

The New York State Rural Housing Coalition is happy to be able to provide help wanted advertising opportunities for our members and non-profit community development agencies. Ad copy must be provided in Microsoft Word format, and may be transmitted by email to [rhc@ruralhousing.org](mailto:rhc@ruralhousing.org). Ad copy must comply with federal and state equal opportunity requirements to be published, and must be received by the 25th of the month to ensure placement in the succeeding issue of *Rural Delivery*. Ads provided in this fashion will also be posted in the Career Opportunities page of the Coalition's website, unless a request is specifically made not to place the advertisement on-line.

### Director of Marketing

The Director of Marketing is responsible for ensuring the clear and effective communication of The Network's mission, programs and policy agenda to a wide range of external audiences, including policy makers, industry leaders, current and potential funders and members, as well as fundraising.

**Qualifications:** Master's degree in journalism, writing, communications, marketing or related field is highly desirable, 5-7 years experience in field of fundraising/development, communications, media and/or public relations, exceptional writing and strong editing skills, preferably with experience in drafting op-eds, press releases, grant proposals, excellent interpersonal and verbal communication skills, strong computer skills especially with Microsoft Word, Access and PowerPoint. This position offers competitive compensation and benefits. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter stating salary requirements to: Paula Griffiths, Director of Operations, The Supportive Housing Network of New York, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 250, New York, NY 10115. Fax: (212) 870-3334. Email: [pgriffiths@shnny.org](mailto:pgriffiths@shnny.org).

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## Career Opportunities

### Finance Manager

To manage all business affairs for three non-profit agencies and one for-profit subsidiary with ~\$3.5M in total assets and an annual budget of ~\$1.2M. Process A/P and A/R, produce G/L and financial statements, and maintain bank accounts for multiple funds. Prepare grant and governmental reports. Hire, supervise bookkeeping staff. Knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting principles, computerized accounting systems (Quickbooks preferred), Windows and Excel 2000, essential. Bachelors Degree and min. two years of relevant experience preferred. Not-for-profit experience a plus. Send cover letter and resume to FM Search, Better Housing for Tompkins County, 950 Danby Road, Suite 102, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please, no phone calls or faxes. EOE

### Executive Director

The Executive Director is responsible for the complete administration of this non-profit agency's affordable housing programs and budgets. Requirements include research funding opportunities, develop long-range plans, investigate housing needs in the county and its municipalities, manage public relations and fundraising, develop personnel procedures, and prepare and monitor annual budgets. Qualifications for the position include knowledge of affordable housing programs and real estate, ability to manage staff and facilitate involvement of board, ability to represent the agency effectively to the public, financial experience, and computer skills. Masters Degree and five years of relevant experience preferred. Send cover letter and resume to ED Search, Better Housing for Tompkins County, 950 Danby Road, Suite 102, Ithaca, NY 14850. No phone calls/faxes. EOE

### Assistant Project Developer

The Assistant Project Manager will provide administrative, technical, and community development services and analysis for RUPCO's real estate development program. A Bachelor's degree required with a preference for a degree in planning, business, real estate or related field and a minimum of 1 year experience in the affordable housing industry. The candidate should be proficient with MS Office Suite, and be familiar with affordable housing real estate development and with pro-formas and other financial analyses. Willingness to attend occasional evening meetings and travel throughout Ulster County is required. Responsibilities include assisting the real estate development department with: Identifying and evaluating potential projects, including site selection, market analysis, feasibility, and acquisition; Obtaining local approvals and community acceptance of proposed projects including submitting land use applications, and attending hearings and community meetings; Coordinating and negotiating with lenders, municipal, State, and Federal agencies for financing, including preparing and submitting funding applications; Creating and maintaining project pro-formas and schedules; Coordinating amongst the project team, including architects, contractors, and other consultants; Preparing reports on projects for funders and the Board; and Performing tasks required in closing projects. Competitive salary and benefits. Applications should be sent to: Jeremy Wilkening, Director of Real Estate Development, Rural Ulster Preservation Company, 289 Fair Street, Kingston, New York 12401, Fax: 845-331-6217, Email: [jwilkening@rupco.org](mailto:jwilkening@rupco.org). No phone calls, please. EOE

## Getty Foundation Grants Available

Nonprofit charitable organizations are eligible to apply for two grant programs from the Getty Foundation. Letters of Inquiry are due by February 10th, with full application proposals due by April 10th. The Getty Foundation provides planning grants of up to \$75,000, and implementation grants of up to \$250,000. Support is provided for the conservation of the historic structure and fabric of a building or site.

Planning grants provide support for the research, documentation and analysis necessary to the development of a comprehensive conservation plan. Implementation grants are intended to serve as models of conservation practice. Projects should include on-site training opportunities for students or professionals in architectural conservation or related disciplines, or for staff involved in the ongoing maintenance and preservation of the building(s).

Projects must focus on the historic structure and fabric of the building(s) and address conservation issues related to the building's setting. For more information, go to: [www.getty.edu/grants/conservation/arch\\_implementation.html](http://www.getty.edu/grants/conservation/arch_implementation.html), or write to Attn: Architectural Conservation Grants, Getty Foundation, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1685, or call (310) 440-7320.

## Tony Fiala Tapped To Replace Dick DeOrazio At SEPP

Former Rural Housing Coalition Board Chair Richard DeOrazio retired from his position as Executive Director of the SEPP Group, the Binghamton-based Broome County RPC, on December 31st. His position has been filled by Anthony Fiala, Jr., who has worked for SEPP for 8 1/2 years, and previously had served as SEPP's Deputy Director, Chief Operations Officer, and Director of

Resident Services.

Mr. Fiala has served on the Binghamton City Council, including 2 years as the Council President. He holds an MBA degree from Binghamton University.

Everyone at the Coalition wishes Dick DeOrazio all the best in his retirement, and welcomes Tony to his new challenges leading the SEPP organization.

## Notice of Anticipated Funding Availability

### EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) recently announced the anticipated release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) in February, 2006. OTDA anticipates making available approximately \$3.1 million in ESGP funds. The anticipated Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 576, entitled the Emergency Shelter Grants Program: Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Through the Emergency Shelter Grants Program the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been authorized by Congress to dedicate funds for the rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as shelters for the homeless, and for payment of certain operation costs and social services expenses relating to homeless shelters. The Program also allows funding for homeless prevention activities. The OTDA anticipates requesting proposals from local social services districts, not-for-profit corporations and charitable organizations, including faith-based organizations, to be considered for funding through the ESGP. Awards

will be determined through a competitive RFP process. A social service district applying for ESGP funds may either manage the grant itself or distribute the grant (or a portion thereof) through sub-contracts with not-for-profit or charitable service providers. Not-for-profit and charitable organizations applying directly to OTDA for funding under this program must provide certification that the social service district in which the project is located approves the project. To obtain a copy of the ESGP RFP and application package, write to the address listed below, fax to (518) 486-7068 or e-mail to [Susan.Cicarelli-Caputo@otda.state.ny.us](mailto:Susan.Cicarelli-Caputo@otda.state.ny.us) and provide detailed information including a contact name, organization/agency name, agency address, and telephone and fax number. Requests should be received by OTDA no later than 5:00 PM on February 10, 2006. Send written requests to the attention of Susan L. Cicarelli-Caputo, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Housing Services, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12243. Telephone (518) 473-8968 or fax requests to (518) 486-7068.

New York has a housing crisis. You make a difference with your work on behalf of those in need. Voice your concerns about the lack of attention being paid to this critical issue!

## NYS Rural Advocates Schedule 2006 Annual Legislative Conference

Rural housing professionals join together and make a difference on February 12th, 13th and 14th in Albany, at the 2006 Annual Legislative Conference sponsored by NYS Rural Advocates.

The conference will begin on Sunday, Feb 12th with the NYS Rural Advocates Board Meeting and Dinner at 5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. The meeting and dinner will be held at the new Hampton Inn & Suites, Albany Downtown, 25 Chapel Street, Albany.

The conference continues on Monday Feb 13th, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 711A, beginning at 9:00 AM with continental breakfast. The morning program will include presentation of the NYS Rural Advocates Agenda on Housing Programs and Policy, what we need, how to ask for it, and how to make the most of your legislative visits. Team up with other advocates from your area and make your visits worth the trip to Albany.

From 10:00 AM -Noon a panel discussion will be held on the topic of Keeping Housing Affordable. Invited panelists include: Alfred A. DelliBovi, President Federal Home Loan Bank of NY; Yulitza Franklin, NYS Banking Department, and a representative of the NYS Attorney General's Office. The panel discussion will be followed at noon with a buffet lunch.

The afternoon session will include a second panel discussion from 1:30-2:30 on the New York State 2006 Housing Program. Invited Speakers for the afternoon session include: Senator John Bonacic, Chair, Housing, Construction and Community Development Committee of the NYS Senate; Assemblyman Vito Lopez, Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee; and Commissioner Judith Calogero of the Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

2:30 - 5:00 PM has been reserved as free time for Legislative visits - Please use this time as well as Tuesday February 14th to schedule meetings with your Senate and Assembly Representatives. Contact nbek@frontiernet.net for assistance in scheduling legislative appointments.

The Legislative Reception will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Be sure to invite your legislators!

The Conference Registration Deadline is Feb 1, 2006. Registration - Advocates Members: First Attendee \$95.00 Additional Members \$70.00. \$150.00 for Non Members. Additional Reception tickets to sponsor your Legislators cost \$40.00 (Invitations will be sent). Checks should be made payable to NYS Rural Advocates, PO Box 104 Blue Mt. Lake, NY 12812 For information, call Nancy Berkowitz at (518)352-7787.

## HHS Proposes Surplus Property Disposition Change

On January 26th, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a notice seeking comments regarding a proposed change in policy to allow surplus federal property to be used for permanent supportive housing. Under Title V of the McKinney-Vento Act, surplus federal property must be made available, at no cost, to nonprofit organizations or government agencies to serve homeless people. In 1992, HHS limited use of Title V surplus property to emergency shelters and transitional housing with supportive services. Now HHS is proposing to also allow use of Title V surplus federal property for permanent housing with supportive health and human services such as substance abuse, mental health, and disability services. Eligible populations would include homeless individuals, individuals with disabilities, homeless families with a disabled family member, and homeless frail elderly.

When HHS first discussed this proposed change, Maria Foscarnin, Executive Director of the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, welcomed it but also encouraged advocates to press HHS to not limit the policy change to supportive housing. "Homeless individuals and families need a permanent place to call home, so HHS should allow surplus federal property to be used for permanent housing for all homeless people, those who need supportive services and those who do not."

Comments are due by February 27th. The notice can be found at: [www.hudclips.org](http://www.hudclips.org).

A block of rooms have been reserved for the NYS Rural Advocates at the Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown for \$129.00 / Double or King. To reserve, call the hotel directly at (518)432-7000. Downtown

Parking costs \$10.00. Call today, rooms will sellout quickly.

*Help restore RPC Funding! Rally your mayors and town supervisors to write letters in support of restoration of funding to our state legislators!*

*Let's not have a repeat of the 2004 RPC funding debacle!*

## Renew Your Grants.gov. Registration.

Prior to submitting 2006 SuperNOFA applications to HUD, applicants are required to renew / update their information in CCR. This must be done on an annual basis. If you do not renew your registration it will expire and result in your Grants.gov application being rejected. To renew your registration, go to [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov), and click on "Update or Renew Registration Using TPIN". Enter your DUNS number and TPIN, and click "Submit". If there are no changes to the registration, click the "Validate/Save" Button for the information to register in the system, then click "Submit". If there are changes, enter the changes, and then click "Submit". Your registration will take approximately 48 hours to update.

## National Low Income Housing Coalition Annual Housing Policy Conference Slated

NLIHC has an exciting line-up of 27 workshops and two wonderful plenary speakers at the upcoming national Annual Housing Policy Conference. Visit NLIHC's conference website for the brochure and registration information at [www.nlihc.org/conference.html](http://www.nlihc.org/conference.html). *Registration and hotel rates increase on February 6th.*

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg will open the conference Monday morning with an overview of his plans for preserving and expanding his city's affordable housing options.

At lunch, National Public Radio's

Juan Williams will discuss the role of affordable housing in the civil rights movement and his views on housing.

A special room rate for conferees has been negotiated at the Capital Hilton. Conference room rates are in effect until February 6th, so book now! Call (800)445-8667 and ask for the National Low Income Housing Coalition rate of \$179. This rate has been subsidized by NLIHC to ensure the best hotel rate in the city. Online hotel reservations are available at: [www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private\\_groups/dcashhh\\_nli/index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/dcashhh_nli/index.jhtml).

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*if you're not outraged,  
then you're just not paying attention*

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