

36TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE

The much-anticipated Florida Housing Coalition's Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference is just around the corner, set to take place from August 28 to 30, 2023, at the Rosen Centre Resort and Conference Center in Orlando.

Continuing its commitment to the overarching theme of "Home Matters," this year's conference will delve into critical issues surrounding affordable housing. The spotlight will be on The Live Local Act and its potential impact on workforce housing and public land use. Additionally, experts will address various affordable housing challenges, such as ending homelessness, resiliency and disaster recovery, senior housing issues, housing finance and tax credits, and innovations in housing production.

The event promises to be insightful, with an impressive lineup of keynote speakers and presenters. Headlining the opening keynote on Monday is renowned housing activist, Majora Carter, whose contributions to the field are well-known. Joining the lineup is Margaret Huang, CEO of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who is set to deliver Tuesday's keynote address that will surely captivate attendees. The State of the State address will be presented by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Apart from these distinguished speakers, the conference boasts over 50 additional experts in the affordable housing arena, ready to share their insights and knowledge through more than 40 education sessions, forums, and caucuses. Participants can look forward to engaging

discussions on the Live Local Act, housing finance programs, disaster resiliency, workforce housing, and senior housing, among other pressing topics.

One of the exciting new additions to this year's event is the Construction and Design Forum, a collaborative effort with the Florida Manufactured Homes Association. This initiative aims to demonstrate affordable housing construction methods and techniques, offering valuable insights into this vital aspect of the housing industry.

Last year's conference drew over 1,000 participants and this year, The Coalition expects more than 1,200 attendees, making it an ideal opportunity for networking and collaboration with like-minded professionals, policymakers, and advocates in the affordable housing sector.

As the conference approaches, anticipation builds for the engaging sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities that await participants. The opening night reception will kick-start the event in style, setting the tone for meaningful conversations and fruitful partnerships throughout the conference.

The Florida Housing Coalition's Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference 2023 promises to be a landmark event, offering a platform to discuss pressing issues, explore innovative solutions, and work towards a future where affordable housing is accessible to all.



Majora Carter, American urban revitalization strategist, public radio host, and author of the award-winning *"Reclaiming Your Community: You Don't Have to Move Out of Your Neighborhood to Live in a Better One"* will deliver the opening inspirational keynote address.