



# area housing commission

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## **Invitation to An Affordable Housing Providers Informational Workshop**

Greetings Housing Partners,

Area Housing Commission Board and Staff are pleased to host an Informational Affordable Housing Workshop aimed at expanding and enhancing affordable housing and rental opportunities. We cordially invite you and your agency to participate in this event, scheduled for May 22, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at City Hall of Pensacola, 222 W. Main Street, Hagler-Mason Room, 2nd Floor, Pensacola, FL 32502. The workshop will feature discussions led by rental/housing specialists who will share success stories and explore funding and partnership opportunities. The overarching objective of this workshop is to promote collaboration, build capacity, and empower participants to collectively address housing challenges in our community. We're excited to showcase the impactful work of local and state housing agencies, emphasizing the critical role they play in meeting community needs. By uniting our efforts, we aspire not only to enhance existing services but also to innovate solutions to the housing crisis, encompassing affordable housing initiatives, partnership cultivation, and addressing escalating rent. Together, we are dedicated to effecting meaningful change and providing essential resources to our community.

During the workshop, a panelist will provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of their services, solutions, and housing success stories, along with insights into available funding resources and potential partnership opportunities. We sincerely hope you will consider joining us for this event, as we are eager to learn from many, gain insight into your housing experiences, and explore the potential for collaboration. We are confident that this workshop has the potential to yield meaningful results for our community.



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## Guest panelists consist of:

- **Vernice Atkins- Bradley, J.D. is President & Chief Executive Officer at Votum Construction, Company, LLC**, with offices in Orlando, Miami, and West Palm Beach Florida.
- **Gail Sansbury**, Executive Director/CEO of Fort Walton Beach Housing Authority.
- **Fran Jones**, Director of Housing for the Escambia County Housing Finance Authority.
- **Percy Goodman, Jr.** Executive Director of Community Enterprise Investments, Inc. (CEII)
- **Clara Long**, Director of Neighborhood and Human Services Department, Escambia County
- **Meredith Reaves**, City of Pensacola Housing Administrator
- **Joe Earp Developer's**, Consultant for College Trace

We eagerly anticipate your positive response and the opportunity to embark on this partnership together.

To confirm your attendance, please RSVP to [shenderson@areahousing.org](mailto:shenderson@areahousing.org) or contact her at 850-501-8997 or 850 438 8561 ext. 1105 by May 20, 2024.

Warm regards,

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