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The Center for NYC Neighborhoods presents the 2016 Affordable Homeownership Summit

Panelists will examine the racial wealth gap, what affordable homeownership means in a market where most New Yorkers are priced out, and federal policy post-Obama

New York, NY – The Center for NYC Neighborhoods presents its annual 2016 Affordable Homeownership Summit on Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, at the InterContinental Times Square. The Summit, one of the largest conferences in the Northeast devoted to exploring affordable homeownership and sustainable neighborhoods, will bring together key stakeholders, including elected officials, policymakers from the local, state and federal levels, as well as housing advocates and experts in servicing and lending. NYS Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner James Rubin and NYC Public Advocate Letitia James will deliver keynote addresses.

“With the majority of New Yorkers shut out of the market for affordable homes, we need new models and visionary policymakers,” said Christie Peale, Executive Director for the Center for NYC Neighborhoods. “That’s why we are bringing together some of the brightest minds in housing policy to find ways to tackle today’s challenges to affordable homeownership in New York City. Our aim is not only to discuss these issues, but also to find practical, achievable solutions that allow working families to build equity where they live, protect our coastal communities and guard against the next generation of predatory mortgage practices.”

With the backdrop of the 2016 presidential election, panelists will examine what’s next for federal homeownership policy, the growing racial wealth gap and emerging challenges in servicing, such as the rise in reverse mortgage foreclosures. Plenary panels will explore trends in new affordable homeownership and the post-Obama landscape for federal housing policy.

You can see the full agenda and list of panelists here: <http://bit.ly/2dwOXyF>

Among the highlights, global design firm IDEO will present findings from its extensive research about homeowners in coastal communities. IDEO used this research to redesign FloodHelpNY.org, and transform into a platform for engaging New Yorkers around the rising costs of flooding and the risks of climate change. The project is an innovative model of how government, the private sector and nonprofits can work together to build civic tech for homeowners.

The Summit will also feature a curated section of the interactive exhibit [*Undesign the Redline*](#), which connects the history of New York City’s racial housing segregation to today’s political social context.

This is the third annual homeownership conference that the Center has hosted. Last year, nearly 200 people attended the conference, where the 26-member [Coalition for Affordable Homes](#) released a road map for policy change, including preventing the displacement of low- and middle-income homeowners and implementing a community land trust.

What: Affordable Homeownership Summit

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, October 14

Where: InterContinental Times Square

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About the Center for NYC Neighborhoods

The Center for NYC Neighborhoods promotes and protects affordable homeownership in New York so that middle- and working-class families are able to build strong, thriving communities. Established by public and private partners, the Center meets the diverse needs of homeowners throughout New York State by offering free, high quality housing services. Visit www.cnycn.org for more information.