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CHA ENCOURAGES AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS Latino networking breakfast links developers and community groups

In an effort to ensure that communities receive information about affordable housing opportunities, CHA CEO Terry Peterson and Department of Housing Commissioner Jack Markowski joined a group of developers and Latino organizations for a networking breakfast at the Mexican Fine Arts Museum.

Representatives from several development companies and community organizations, including Latinos United, Hispanic Housing and Resurrection Project, gathered to learn more and to share information about ways to increase the number of Latinos who are able to take advantage of affordable housing opportunities that will surface as part of the CHA's Plan for Transformation.

"While our primary responsibility is to CHA leaseholders, we want to be sure other families know they too have a chance to live someplace they can afford," said CHA CEO Terry Peterson.

While the Plan for Transformation is designed to provide 25,000 new or rehabbed units for public housing residents, a key component of the overall Plan is affordable units, providing a much-needed option for some families who do not qualify for public housing but who cannot pay market rate prices. The Department of Housing plays a significant role by providing crucial tax credits which help developers build affordable units.

The CHA, the Department of Housing and other city agencies meet on a regular basis to find ways to increase the number of affordable housing units available and to make sure that people get the information they need about those opportunities.

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