

Massachusetts Association of Realtors and MassHousing  
**Conference on the Future of Homeownership in Massachusetts**

October 17, 2011

DCU Center

Worcester, MA

8:00 – 9:00 Registration – Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Rob Authier and Tom Gleason

9:15 – 10:30 **The Future of Home Ownership in Our Cities**

This panel will discuss how each Mayor feels about homeownership as a municipal priority, and what can and should be done to preserve and encourage homeownership in our state's major cities. The panel will also be asked what they feel lenders and Realtors can do to help resolve the crisis in our at risk inner-city neighborhoods.

Moderator

**Peter Milewski**

Guest Speakers

**Scott Lang, Mayor of New Bedford (confirmed)**

**Domenic Sarno, Mayor of Springfield (confirmed)**

**Joseph O'Brien, Mayor of Worcester (confirmed)**

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 **The Relationship Between Home Ownership, Jobs and Economic Growth -**

Barry Bluestone has studied the relationship and the importance of homeownership to the state's economy, specifically employment and economic development and will offer his thoughts. Eric Belsky has considerable experience understanding the relationship between public policy and economics will talk about housing policy and its impact on the economy and jobs.

Moderator

**David Wluka**

Guest Speakers

**Barry Bluestone, Northeastern University (confirmed)**

**Eric Belsky, Director, Harvard Joint Center on Housing (confirmed)**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Keynote Speaker

**Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray (confirmed)**

1:30 – 2:45 **Home Ownership as a Political Priority in Massachusetts and Washington, DC**

This panel will speak about the priority that housing represents for our political leadership in Washington, and here in Massachusetts. They will be asked to speculate on what policies will be forthcoming from the administration in Washington and here in Massachusetts and what impact those initiatives will have on homeownership, mortgage lending and real estate sales.

Moderator **Rob Authier**  
Guest Speakers **Greg Bialecki, Secretary Housing and Economic Development (confirmed)**  
**Paul Bishop, PhD, Sr. Vice President, National Assc. Realtors (confirmed)**  
**Tom Golden, Realtor, and State Representative from Lowell (tentative)**

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:15 **The Future of Home Ownership Financing**

No one is sure what the future of home financing will look like with federal housing finance reform. This panel will be asked to offer their opinions of what might happen based on past experience (mortgage and mortgage securitization) and other factors, and the potential consequences of possible changes in home financing markets.

Moderator **Tom Gleason**  
Guest Speakers **Chris Dunn, CMB, EVP, South Shore Bank (confirmed)**  
**Patrick Lawler, Chief Economist and Assistant Director, FHFA (confirmed)**  
**Paul Pouliot, CMB, First Vice President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (confirmed)**

4:15 – 5:00 Cocktail Reception (cash bar)