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HOUSING COLLABORATION KICKS OFF ANNUAL ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – The Arizona Housing Coalition (AZHC), in partnership with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), is hosting the Arizona Housing Forum at The Scott Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona, August 17-19, 2022 as the state continues to experience an affordable housing shortage.

The 2022 Arizona Housing Forum provides an unparalleled opportunity for affordable housing and community development professionals to learn, network and connect in sharing ideas that create and improve housing and community development choices in Arizona.

“By collaborating with the Arizona Housing Coalition and meeting with stakeholders from across the state, we can work faster and smarter in finding solutions to our housing needs and rising rates of homelessness,” said ADOH Director Tom Simplot. “Working together, we will craft quicker, innovative solutions that encourage more development.”

This special annual event attracts approximately 400 attendees representing public and private sectors and showcases speakers and breakout sessions on innovations in housing, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) best practices, and timely topics in the housing industry. The forum’s theme, *One Team One Goal*, focuses on bringing people together to advocate for safe, affordable housing for all Arizonans.

“Our housing challenges were worsened by COVID-19, necessitating our state’s professionals focused on affordable housing and ending homelessness to come together and explore solutions to Arizona’s toughest curveball - our lack of affordable housing,” says Joan Serviss, Executive Director of the Arizona Housing Coalition. “By hosting these continuing professional educational discussions, we can team up and develop a winning combination of public and private partnerships to connect more Arizonans to that home run of housing.”

Keynote speaker, Luis Gonzales, was voted by fans as their favorite Arizona Diamondbacks player of all time, Luis Gonzalez helped lead the team to its World Series championship in 2001. Now Senior Advisor to the Diamondbacks CEO, Luis works on the business side of the organization and engages with the community through “Gonzo’s Hometown Heroes Fund” and youth baseball camps.

Other speakers at this year’s forum include: Mayor David Ortega (City of Scottsdale), Jennifer Schwartz, Director of Tax and Housing Advocacy; National Council of State Housing Agencies, and Jim Rounds, President and CEO, Rounds Consulting Group, Inc. Both ADOH Director Simplot and AZHC Executive Director Joan Serviss will be available at the Forum to discuss affordable housing initiatives and solutions to our current housing shortage.

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About the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)

Established in 2002, we administer programs to create, preserve, and invest in affordable housing statewide. ADOH does not own or build housing; we manage programs that convey funding to private and government entities that apply and meet criteria developed by state/federal law. ADOH receives no state General Fund appropriation and most programs are federally-funded.