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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity advocates for fair and equitable access to affordable housing at Habitat on the Hill conference

(COLORADO SPRINGS, CO) 02/10/2022 – Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) joined hundreds of housing affordability advocates and supporters today for the [Habitat on the Hill](#) annual legislative conference. The conference, held virtually for the second year, highlights the strides Habitat for Humanity International and its local affiliates have made to better address and advance racial equity in housing and housing policy.

During the conference, entitled “**Building a More Equitable Future**,” advocates attended virtual workshops and discussion sessions that explored topics including access to credit, addressing the shortage of affordable housing stock, and advancing equity. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet with members of Congress to discuss housing challenges and opportunities in their local communities.

PPHFH’s Advocacy Ambassador Karla Probert had an opportunity to meet directly with Congressman Doug Lamborn’s office, stating afterwards that: “They expressed great interest in, and sympathy for, the specific housing challenges we face in El Paso County: the historic low supply of affordable homes and increasing costs of building new homes due to land, supply, and labor shortages.”

The goal of Pikes Peak Habitat’s overall advocacy efforts is to mobilize individuals and institutions to implement policies and practices that produce and preserve affordable housing. This year the effort is of particular importance as Colorado has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform its affordable housing system through the \$400 million funding from the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” (ARPA), offering a chance to make one-time transformational investments that improve access to affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness, and for our essential workers with low to middle incomes.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman spoke during the opening plenary about the Biden-Harris administration’s priorities, including working with state and local governments and nonprofit organizations to increase the supply of affordable housing in communities across the country.

Other speakers included Jerusalem Demsas, a policy reporter at Vox; Bryan Greene, vice president of policy advocacy at the National Association of REALTORS®; and David Lipsetz, president and CEO of the Housing Assistance Council.

About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity (PPHFH) builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We build permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers. Partner families purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. PPHFH has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has assisted 201 families in El Paso County. In addition to new construction, PPHFH also offers repairs for homeowners who are seniors (65 and older), veterans, and cost-burdened families. For more information, visit www.pikespeakhabitat.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).