

- **National Low Income Housing Conference**
- **Regional Meetings taking place soon**
- **Housing California's Lobby Day 2015**

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# On the RUN

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## RUN Visits DC People and Places Conference, NLIHC

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In March I had the pleasure of attending two national conferences in Washington DC on behalf of RUN. The National Low Income Housing Conference and the People and Places Conference where many of this country's leading thought leaders, activist and researchers gathered to advance an agenda that would put our off kilter economy back in balance, restore basic living standards and enable everyone to reach their fullest potential. During this visit RUN represented on Capitol Hill joining allies as we lobbied for funding for a national trust fund and other key enhancements for those of us working to provide for our family. While in DC I ran



into some allies from Community Housing Partnership in San Francisco. Lead organizer James Tracy and resident leader Donnell Fuller were honored guest at the NLIHC for their successful work on a recent

campaign. It was an great experience to be able to spend time with both of these powerful leaders, strengthen our connection and celebrate a big victory!

## Regional Transition Update

Regional transition teams in San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno/Central Valley, San Francisco/Bay Area and Sacramento are working to develop a regional structure and governance documents. These documents will help guide the RUN regions through processes of defining

the roles and scope as well as organize the election for regional steering committees. This team will present their recommendations to the regional members for consideration and adoption at the regional RUN meetings scheduled for May/June.

**Sacramento Regional Mtg**  
Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Los Angeles Regional Mtg**  
Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Fresno/San Diego**  
TBD

**SF/ Bay Area**  
Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

# Lobby Day In Sacramento

On April 27<sup>th</sup> a group of 80 RUN leaders will join with housing advocates from throughout the state to participate in Housing California's lobby day. Leaders will spend the morning participating in training and education workshops that will increase their ability to be more effective advocates and deepen their knowledge of issues facing families living on the brink.

The afternoon will be spent in meetings with legislators where leaders will share their stories and increase the awareness of decision makers through their advocacy.

If you can't travel to Sacramento to join our on the ground efforts this year, there are two ways you can get involved and make a difference!

See the "Join the Lobby Day Ground Efforts" article.

Lobby Day  
2015  
Sacramento,  
California  
April 27, 2015

*"The power to change depends on our ability to increase our numbers."*

*-Constance Slider Pierre*

## Community Housing Partnership Wins Award

Each year NLIHC recognizes exceptional organizing by local residents through its Resident Organizing Award. This year's Resident Organizing award went to Community Housing Partnership (CHP) of San Francisco, CA for successful organizing efforts in support of the Fair Chance Ordinance, a new law preventing discrimination against ex-offenders on applications for employment or affordable housing. CHP's campaign efforts involved three staff organizers working with and on behalf of more



Daisy Franklin, NLIHC Board Member; James Tracy & Donnell Fuller, CHP and NLIHC's 2015 Resident Organizing Honorees; Sheila Crowley, NLIHC President and CEO; Brenda Clement, NLIHC Board Chair

than 50 formerly incarcerated residents of CHP properties. CHP's Community Organizing and Resident Engagement (CORE) Program mobilizes their 1,300 low income tenants on policies that affect low income

people throughout San Francisco.

RUN joins NLIHC in congratulating the staff and residents of CHP for their successful campaign!

## RUN In The News

Looks like Resident's United Network has been getting some attention.

In case you didn't see it, PolicyLink, a progressive policy think tank, included a write-up on RUN in their quarterly

journal. Read more by following this link: <http://www.policylink.org/focus-areas/california-policy-advocacy/california-quarterly-spring-2015>





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# Conference

Each spring, Housing California's Annual Conference brings together advocates, builders, lenders, consumers, lawmakers, and other leaders in the affordable home and homelessness community. With more than 75 workshops

and pre-conference institutes, over 50 exhibitors, and attendance of over 1,100, the conference has become **the nation's largest statewide conference of its kind.**

**HOUSING CALIFORNIA**  
*The voice in the state Capitol for children, seniors, families, people experiencing homelessness, and everyone who needs a safe, stable, affordable place to call home.*

## Join the Lobby Day Ground Efforts

There are two ways you can make an impact on Lobby Day. You can pick up the phone on April 27<sup>th</sup> and call your state representative in district and share with them how "home anchors you" and encourage them to support Assembly Speaker Atkins bill 1335 Building Homes and Jobs Act which would establish a permanent source of

funding to build affordable homes.

Second, show some RUN love by taking to social media and blowing us up! It is easy enough to do. Using these key phrases and hash tags we can begin to show decision makers that we really are 1 million residents united to break down barriers to success, obstacles to

economic stability and close the gap between the rich and the rest of us. So jump on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter on April 27<sup>th</sup> and join the conversation:

**#werunthecapitol**  
**#homerun**  
**#housingca**

## EBHO is Hiring

EBHO is looking to add two members to our team - a [Campaign and Coalition Director](#) and a [Community Organizer](#).

To view the job descriptions and how to apply in more detail, please click [here](#). The position is open until filled.

## A Final Note

What if every man, women, and child in California had access to a clean safe affordable place to call home? How would that basic provision increase access to healthcare, education and employment and allow people to reach their full potential?

Do you have a personal story of how affordable housing has made a difference in your life? I invite you

to email me at: [cpierre4RUN@gmail.com](mailto:cpierre4RUN@gmail.com) and share your story. We would like to lift up our stories of success and transformation as we continue the work towards ensuring a safe affordable home for all.

In Solidarity,  
*Constance Slider Pierre*  
RUN Statewide Coordinator