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Royal Palm Coast Realtor® Association to Host Housing Symposium on Fair Housing in Southwest Florida

Fort Myers and Cape Coral, FL— The Royal Palm Coast Realtor® Association is excited to announce its upcoming Annual Housing Symposium, dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of fair housing practices in the Southwest Florida housing market. The symposium will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 8 AM - Noon, bringing together professionals and experts to discuss and explore strategies for fostering equitable housing practices in the area.

The symposium is a platform for real estate professionals, community members and local government leadership to come together and explore the intricacies of fair housing. Focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities faced by the Southwest Florida region, attendees can expect in-depth discussions, informative presentations, and interactive sessions welcoming questions and answers that reflect the association's commitment to promoting fair housing practices and shed light on the importance of ensuring equitable access to housing for all.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM - Noon

Location: The Landings Golf, Yacht and Tennis Club, 4425 S. Landings Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919

The symposium features an impressive lineup of seven distinguished guest speakers, each bringing unique insights and expertise to the conversation. These thought leaders hail from various backgrounds within real estate, law, academia, and community development, offering a comprehensive and holistic view of fair housing issues.

Guest Speakers:

- **Becky Lucas**, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc.
- **Darren Danté Bonner**, LSS-GB, Education Outreach/Training Coordinator, Florida Commission on Human Relations
- **Michelle D'Auria**, Loan Officer, Embrace Home Loans, Inc.
- **Marcia Davis**, Executive Director, The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
- **Trey Goldman**, Legislative Counsel, Florida Realtors®
- **Catherine Lamberg**, Chief Financial Officer, The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
- **Amy Yearsley**, City of Cape Coral, Department of Development Services

"We are honored to host this vital symposium, providing a platform for meaningful conversations about fair housing in our community," said Jack Martin, 2023 President of the Royal Palm Coast Realtor® Association. "By bringing To learn more about Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association and membership, visit RPCRA.org.

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together professionals and experts, we aim to explore innovative solutions that ensure everyone has equal access to housing opportunities and promote the principles of inclusivity."

Registration for the Annual Housing Symposium is open. RPCRA members can register for the event at DashboardMLS.com. We invite the public/media to attend as well! Please contact Mia DiSarro at mia@rpcra.org to secure your spot and access further details about the event.

HOUSING SYMPOSIUM 2023 GUEST SPEAKERS

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